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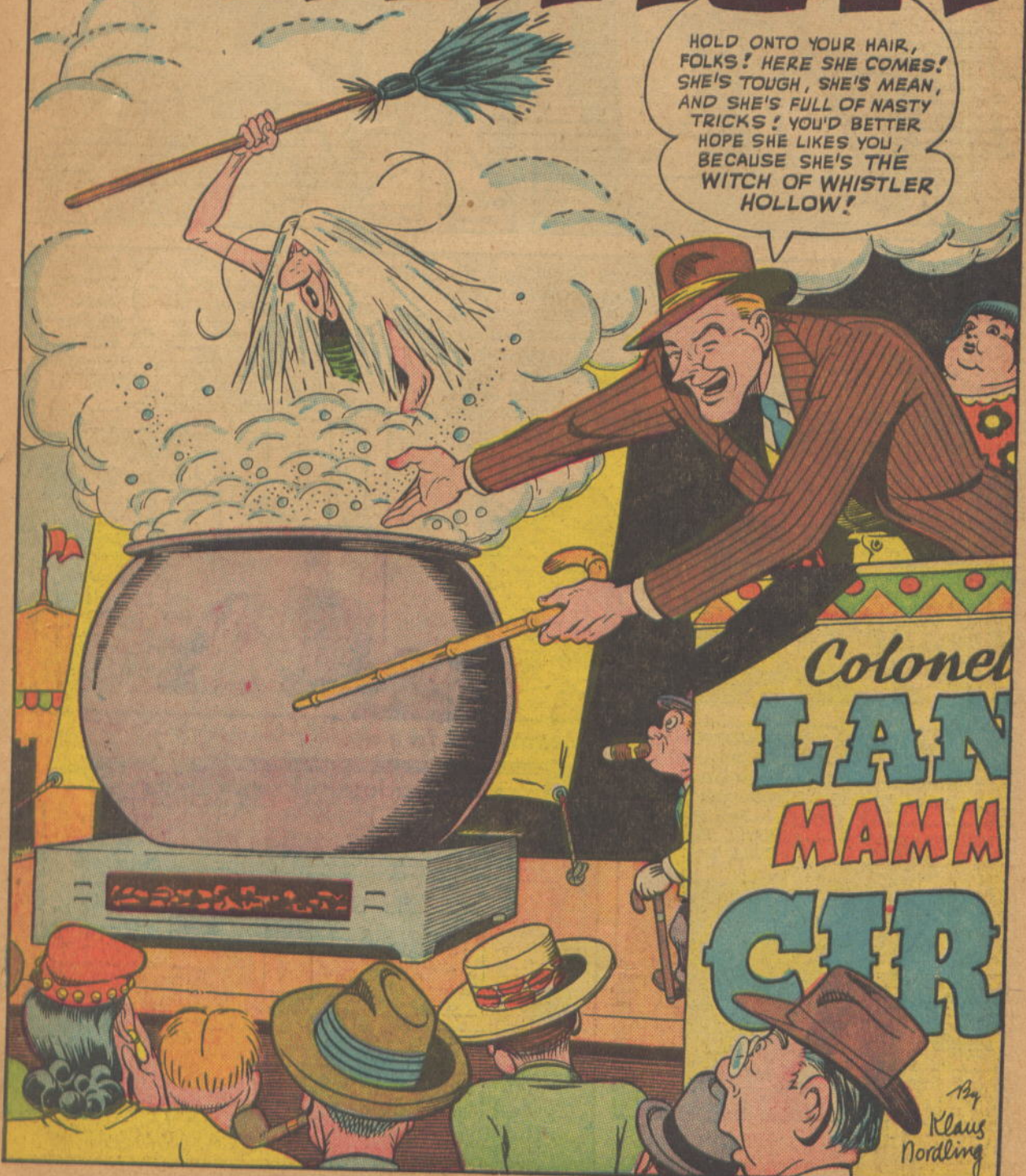
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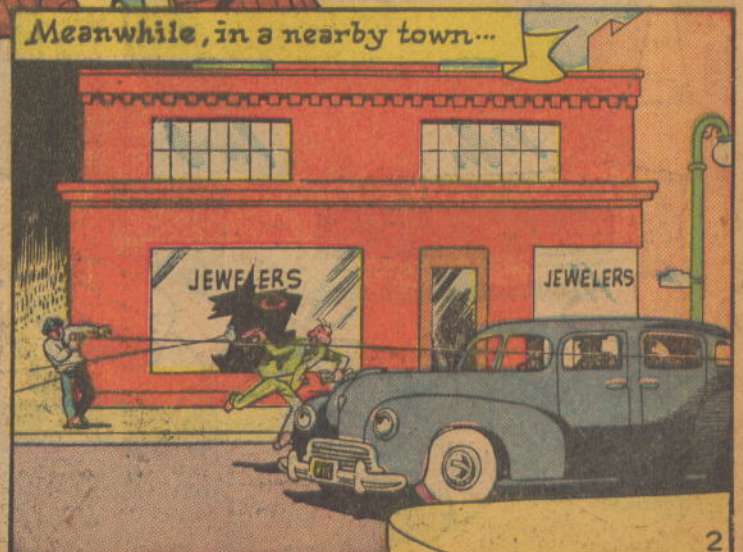
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FOLKS! HERE SHE COMES!
SHE'S TOUGH, SHE'S MEAN,
AND SHE'S FULL OF NASTY
TRICKS! YOU'D BETTER
HOPE SHE LIKES YOU,
BECAUSE SHE'S THE
WITCH OF WHISTLER
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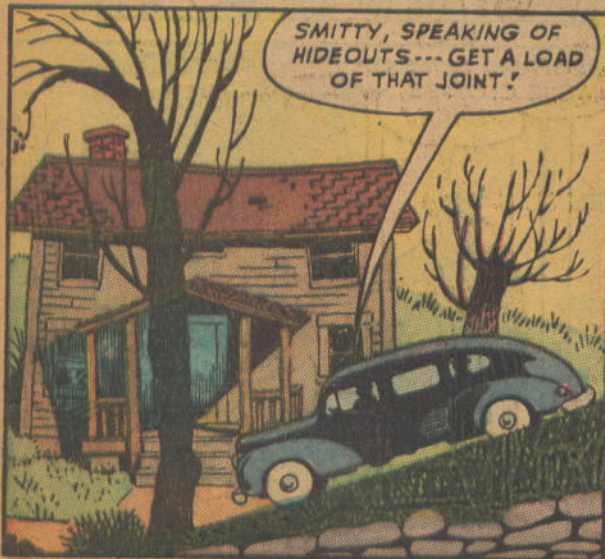
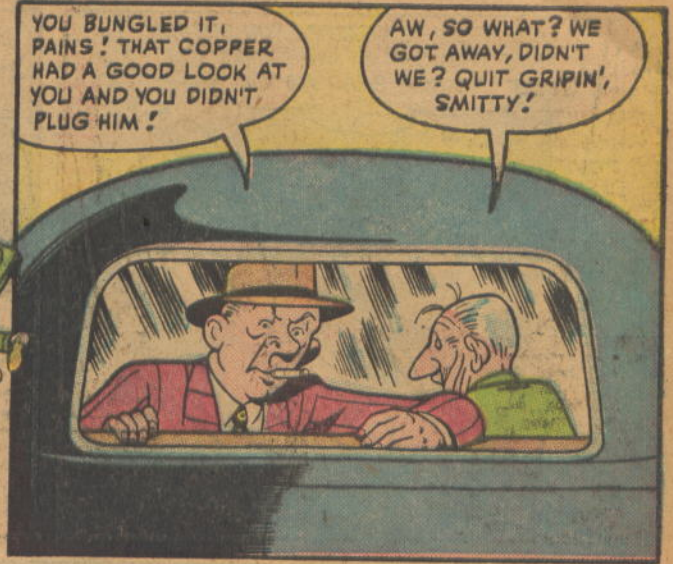
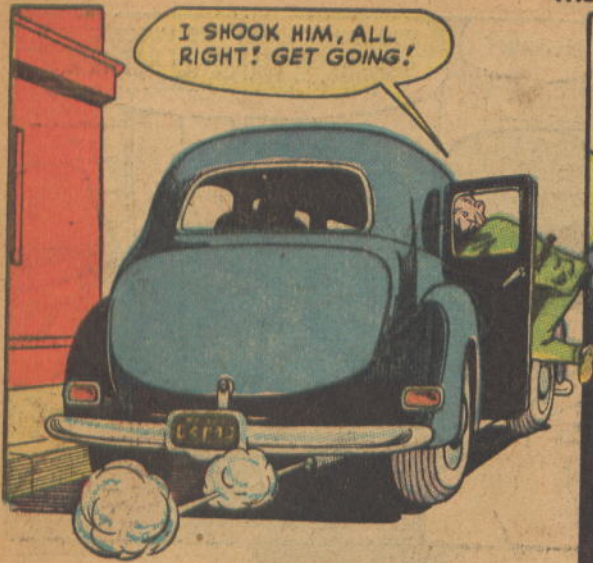


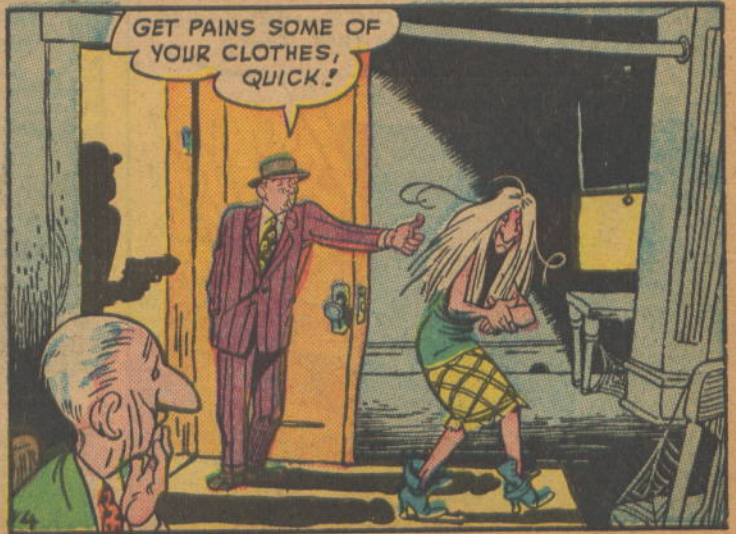
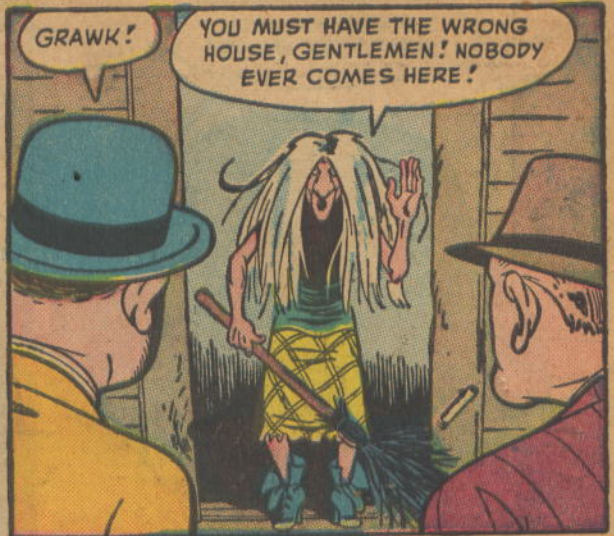
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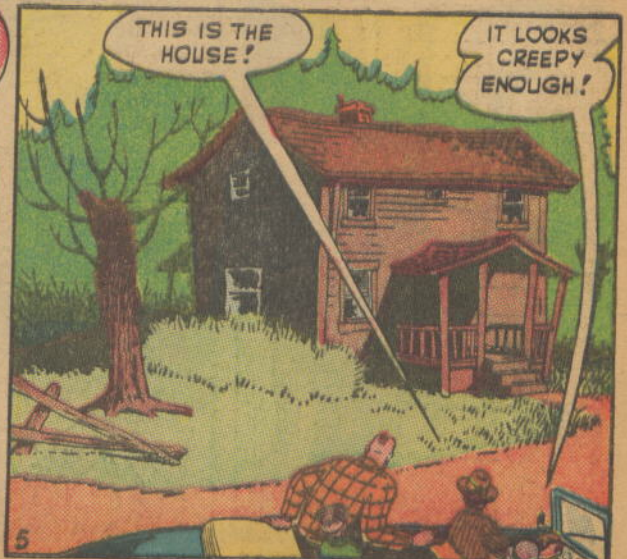
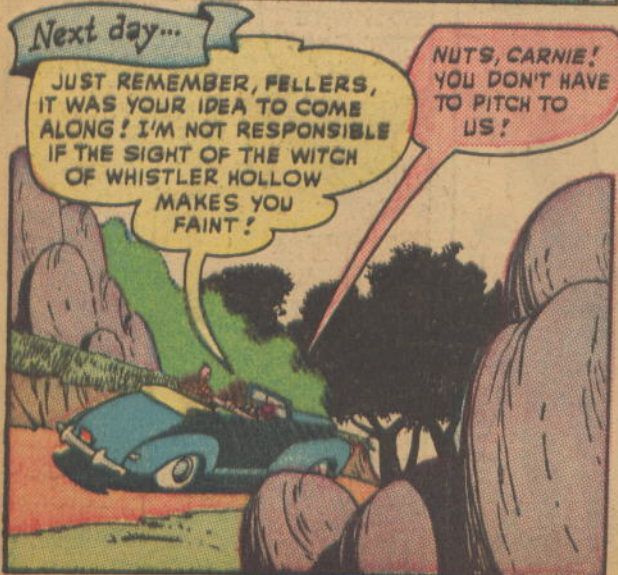
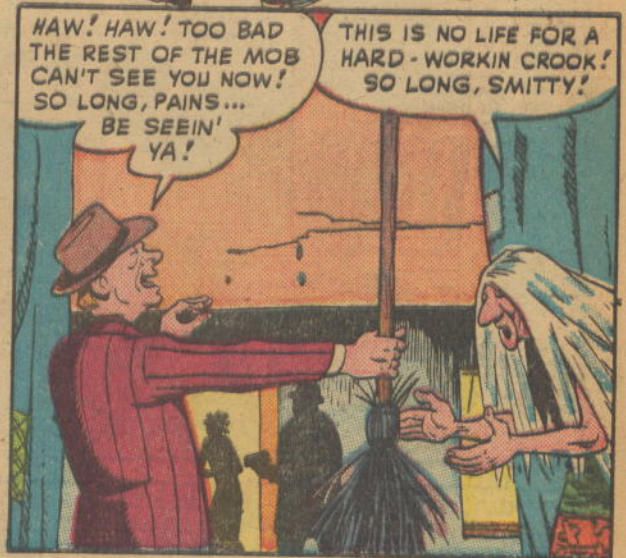


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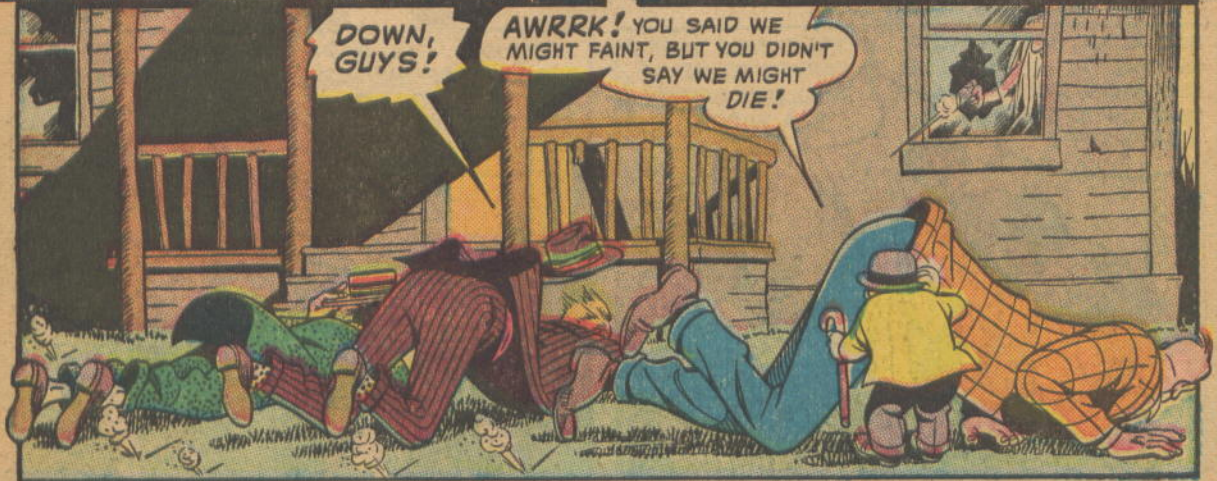




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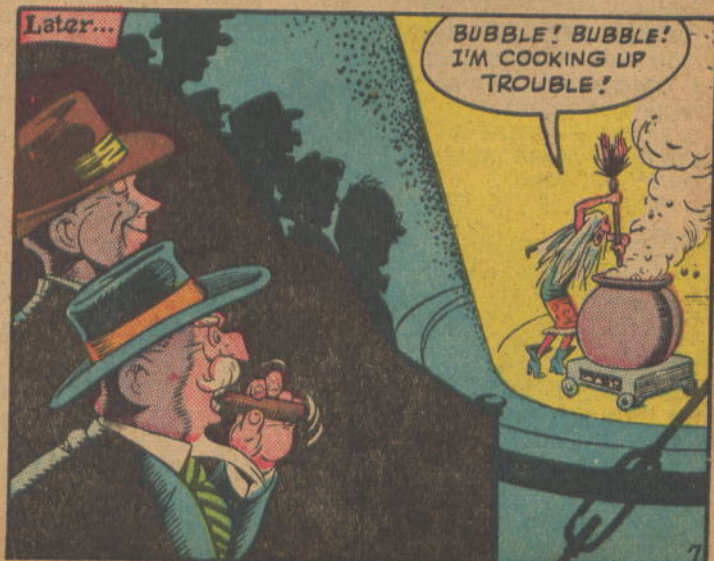
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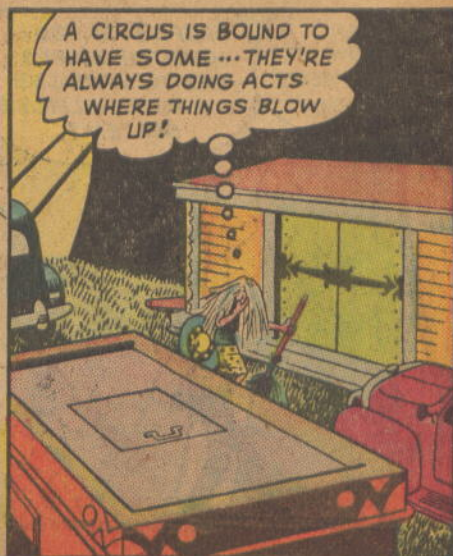
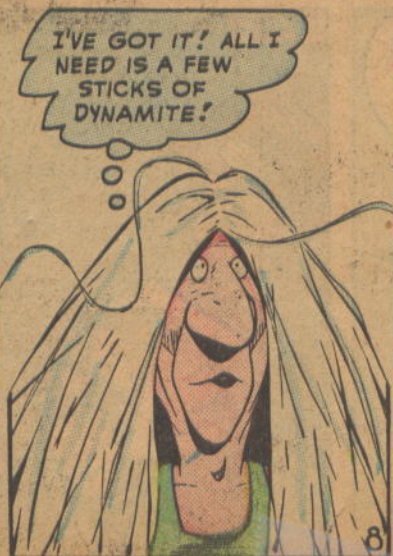
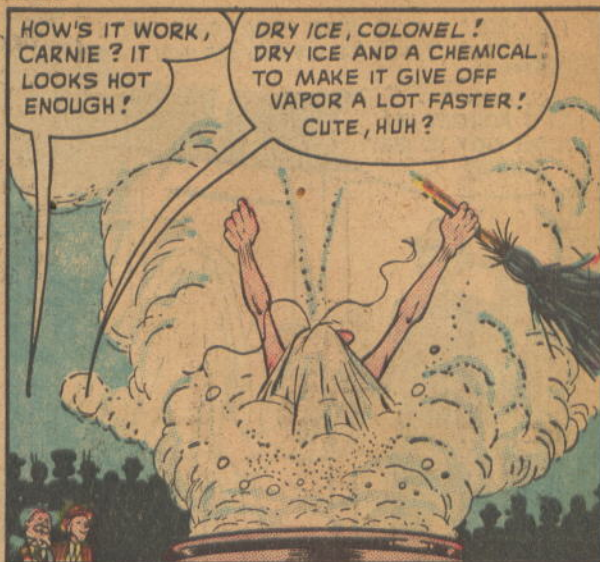
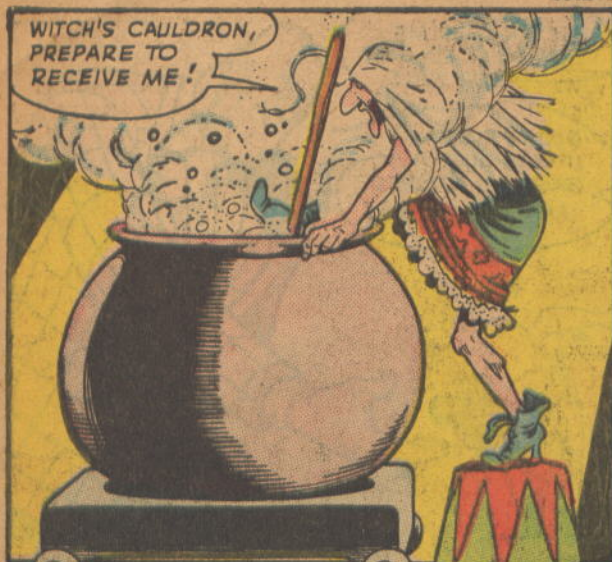
WHAT A BREAK!
I WON'T HAVE TO
STAY COOPED UP
HERE, AND I MAY
GET A CHANCE TO
PULL A JOB IN THE
CIRCUS! I'D
BETTER PITCH MY
VOICE TO SOUND
LIKE THE OLD
LADY'S!

CIRCUS?
AUDIENCE?
HOLY CATS!
I GET IT...
THEY HAD THE
OLD DAME
BOOKED FOR
AN ACT! THEY
AREN'T
COPPERS!

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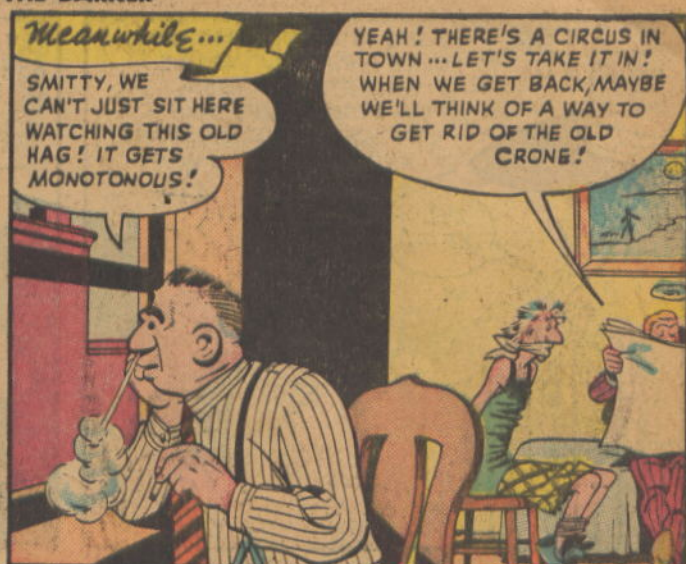


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JUST AS I THOUGHT!
HERE IT IS!



Meanwhile...

SMITTY, WE
CAN'T JUST SIT HERE
WATCHING THIS OLD
HAG! IT GETS
MONOTONOUS!

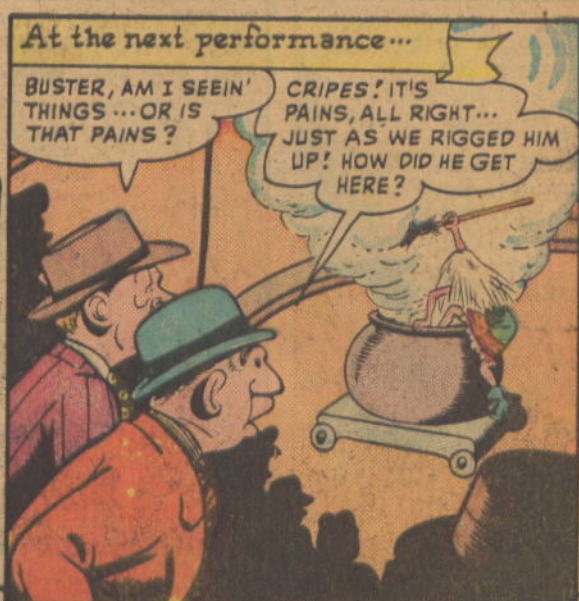
YEAH! THERE'S A CIRCUS IN
TOWN... LET'S TAKE IT IN!
WHEN WE GET BACK, MAYBE
WE'LL THINK OF A WAY TO
GET RID OF THE OLD
CRONE!



YEAH, LET'S GO! A
CIRCUS IS ALWAYS
GOOD FOR A
LAUGH!



THE CIGARETTE!
IF I CAN GET THE
CORD ON THE
BURNING END
OF IT, I CAN
ESCAPE FROM
THESE RUFFIANS!



At the next performance...

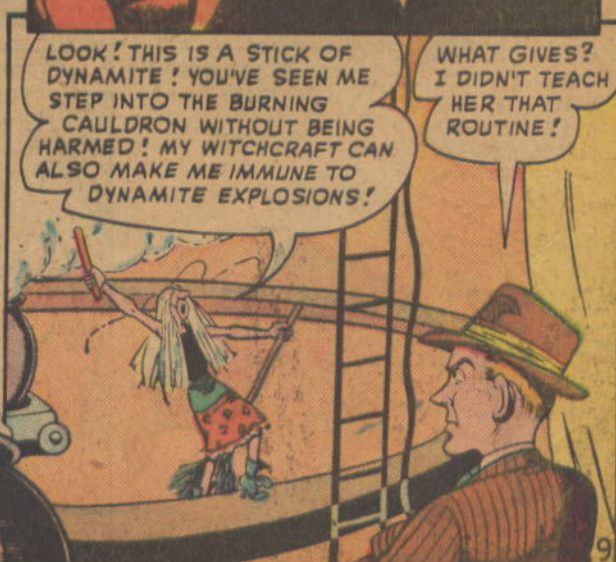
BUSTER, AM I SEEIN'
THINGS... OR IS
THAT PAINS?

CRIPES! IT'S
PAINS, ALL RIGHT...
JUST AS WE RIGGED HIM
UP! HOW DID HE GET
HERE?



HOORAY!

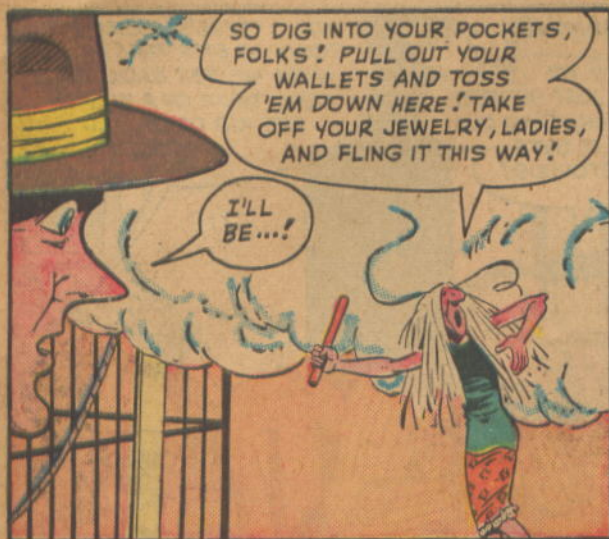
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN
ANYTHING YET, FOLKS!

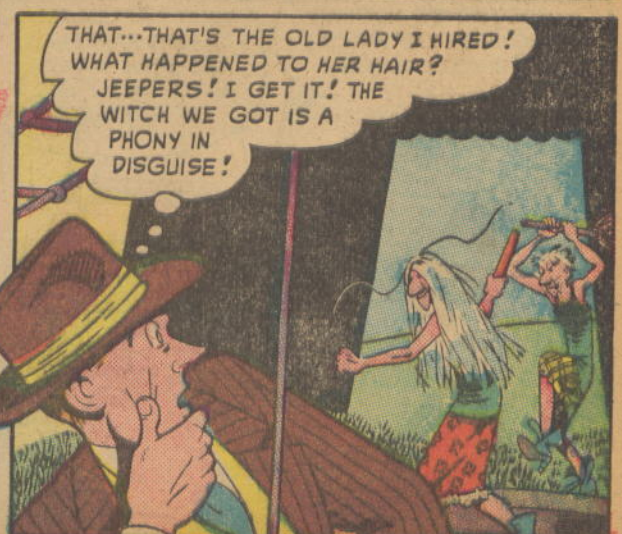
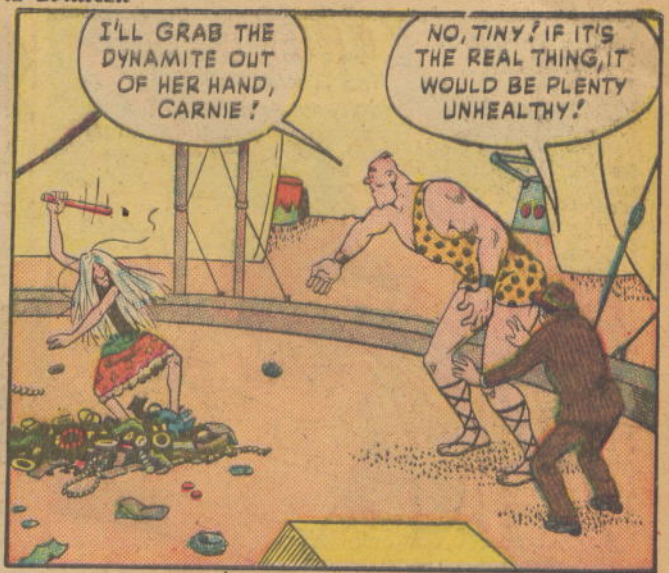


LOOK! THIS IS A STICK OF
DYNAMITE! YOU'VE SEEN ME
STEP INTO THE BURNING
CAULDRON WITHOUT BEING
HARMED! MY WITCHCRAFT CAN
ALSO MAKE ME IMMUNE TO
DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS!

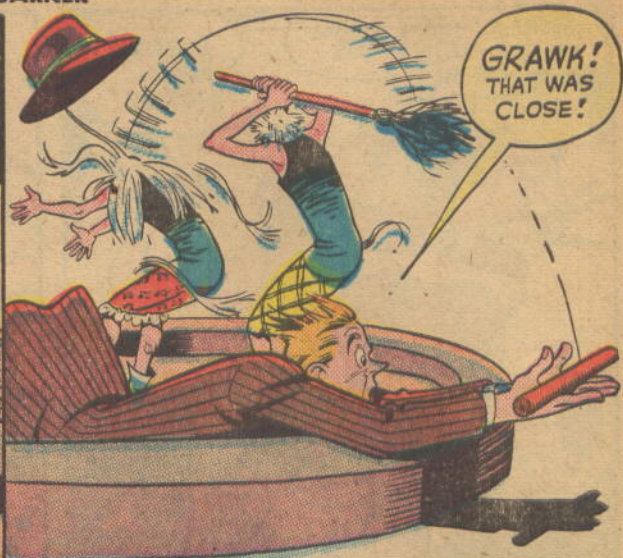
WHAT GIVES?
I DIDN'T TEACH
HER THAT
ROUTINE!

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RUN FOR YOUR
LIVES! IT'S THE
GHOST OF
SILVERMINE
SAM!

HEH! HEH! ON
WITH THE SHOW,
PARDNERS! I AIN'T
SEEN A CIRCUS IN
MORE'N A
HUNDRED
YEARS!

Col. LANE'S
MAMMOTH
CIRCUS
ENTRANCE
→



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SURE SORRY WE CAN'T SEE YOUR CIRCUS, PARDNERS! SO LONG!



A FINE MESS! IT COST ME PLENTY TO SET UP ON THIS STAND, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT ANOTHER BOOKING FOR TEN DAYS! IMAGINE THOSE YOKELS LETTING A GHOST SCARE THEM AWAY!

HE DOESN'T SCARE YOU, I SUPPOSE!



HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T, YOUNG LADY! I'M NOT AFRAID OF SOMETHING I DON'T BELIEVE EXISTS!



WHEN SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST KILLS THREE MEN, HE'S PRETTY DANGEROUS JUST THE SAME!

BAH! IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT EVERY TIME! I'LL GO DOWN INTO THAT MINE MYSELF AND PROVE THERE'S NO MURDEROUS GHOST DOWN THERE!



NO! YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT WOULD BE SUICIDE!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, LENA! UNHAND ME!



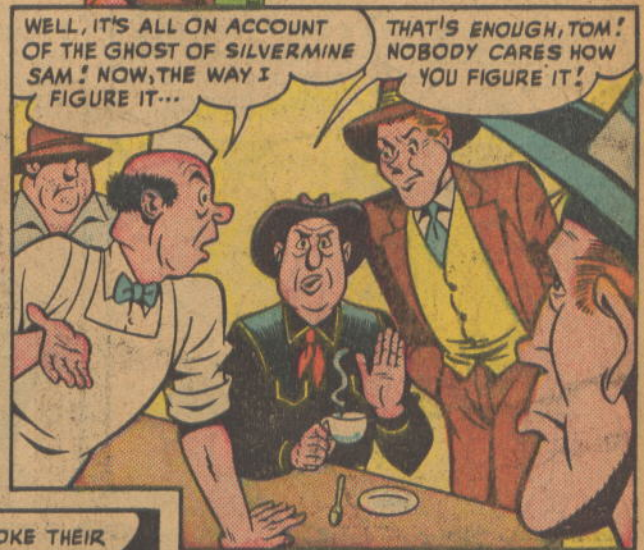
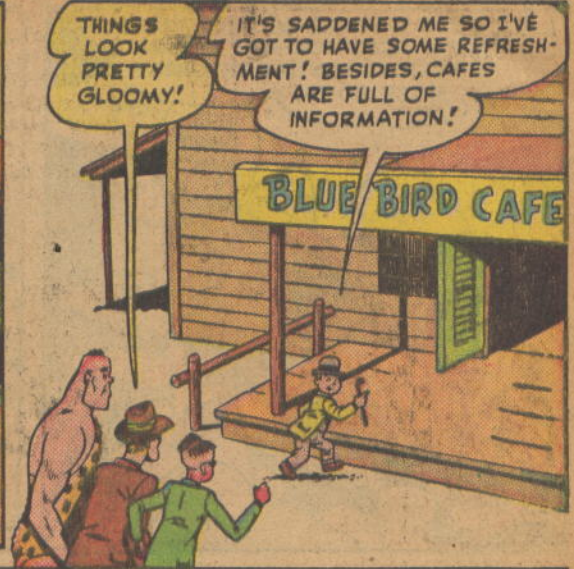
GASP! HELP! LET ME GO! GIVE ME A HAND HERE, BOYS!

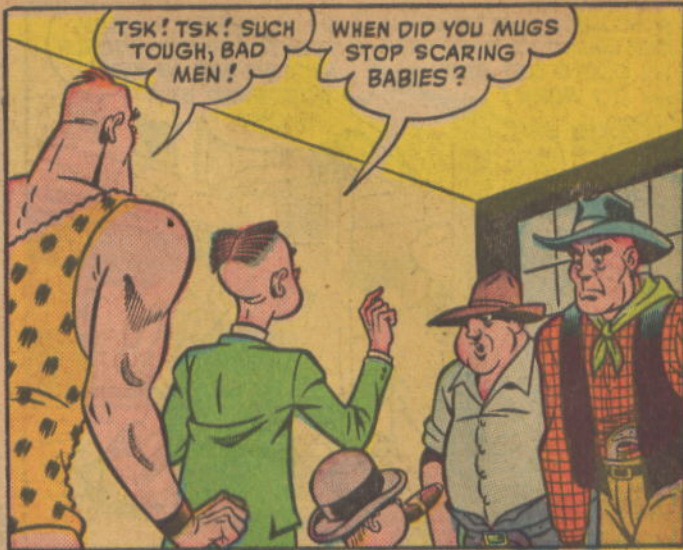
I'D FEEL RESPONSIBLE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE MINE, BECAUSE I GOADED YOU INTO GOING DOWN THERE!



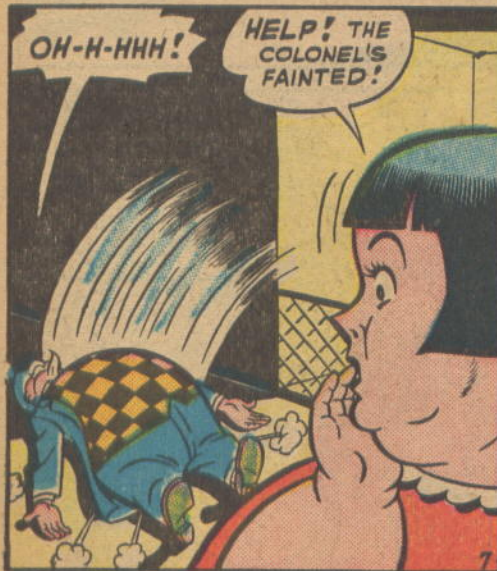
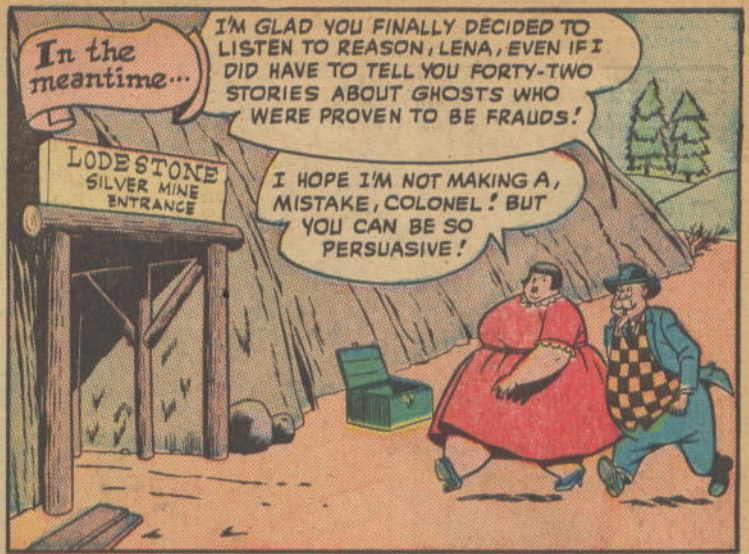
WE WOULDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO FRUSTRATE LENA, COLONEL! SHE ONLY WANTS TO PROTECT YOU!

I THINK WHILE LENA AND THE COLONEL ARE TALKING IT OVER WE'LL GO INTO TOWN AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT GOES ON!

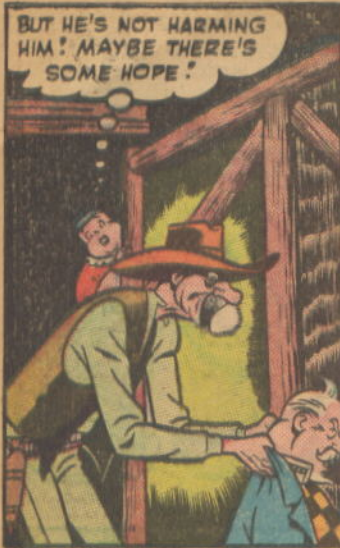




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BUT HE'S NOT HARMING HIM! MAYBE THERE'S SOME HOPE!



YOU... YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM! YOU WON'T HARM ME EITHER, WILL YOU?

HARM YOU? SHUCKS, NO! YOU'RE THE KIND O' GAL I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR ALL MY LIFE! I GOT THE OLD FELLOW OUT OF THE WAY SO I COULD TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE!



IT'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT! I'VE DREAMED ABOUT A GAL LIKE YOU AND NOW I'VE FOUND YOU!

BUT YOU... YOU'RE A GHOST! HOW CAN YOU FALL IN LOVE?



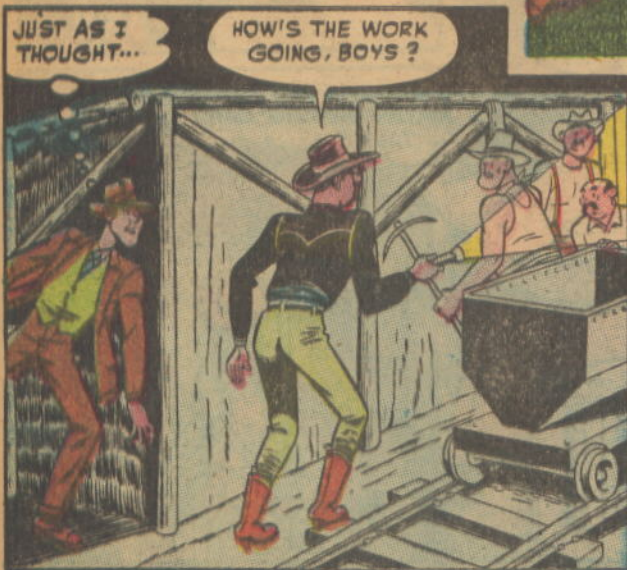
DOGGONE IT! THAT'S ALL PROPAGANDA ABOUT US GHOSTS! I TELL YOU I'VE GOT FEELINGS! I WANT TO MARRY YOU!

MARRY ME? NO! NO!



At that moment...

THERE HE GOES! THE SILVER MINE IS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE, ACCORDING TO THAT ROAD SIGN I PASSED, AND THIS COULD BE A BACK ENTRANCE!



JUST AS I THOUGHT...

HOW'S THE WORK GOING, BOYS?



FINE, BOSS! WE'RE GETTING THE ORE OUT REAL FAST NOW!

GOOD! FINISH UP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN TODAY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LAY OFF FOR A WEEK OR SO! SOME CIRCUS GUYS ARE GETTIN' NOSY!

AW! JEFF'LL SCARE THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THEM IF THEY COME SNOOPING AROUND, BOSS!

NOT THESE FELLERS! THEY'RE NOT A BUNCH OF DUMB MINERS! AND IF THEY GET THE STATE POLICE DOWN, WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEIR BEIN' SCARED AWAY BY JEFF LIKE THE LODGESTONE SHERIFF WAS!

WELL, DOGGONE IT, ACES, WE CAN ALWAYS CRACK THEIR SKULLS WITH A HUNK OF SILVER ORE LIKE WE DONE TO BATES AND THEM TWO MINERS!

YOU BLASTED FOOL!



I WARNED YOU NEVER TO MENTION THAT!

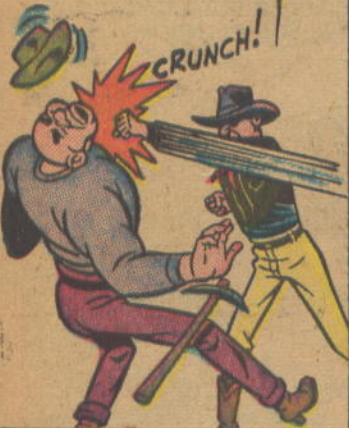
Back in town...

HA! HA! DID YOU SEE THOSE TWO YEGGS CRAWL OUT THE BACK DOOR AFTER I GOT THROUGH WITH THEM?

THEY HAD ENOUGH! SAY, I WONDER WHERE CARNIE WENT? MAYBE HE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO GET AN AUDIENCE INTO THE CIRCUS? WE'D BETTER GET BACK!

NO SIGN OF CARNIE OR LENA OR THE COLONEL! THERE'S SHALI! MAYBE SHE'S SEEN THEM!

HEY, SHALI! SEEN CARNIE, LENA AND THE COLONEL?

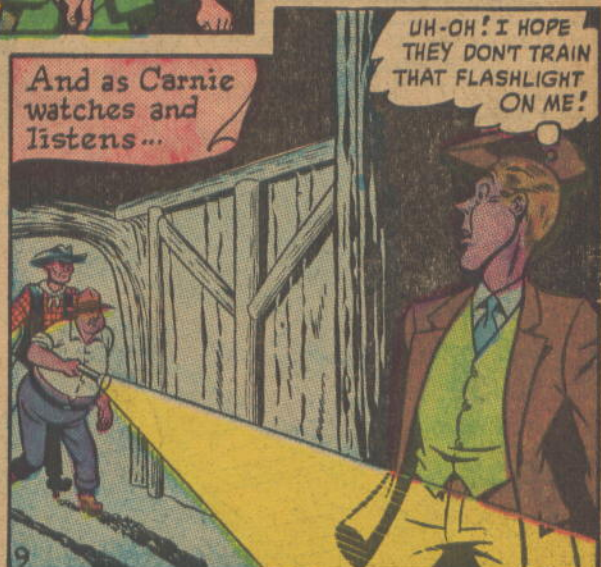


I HAVEN'T SEEN CARNIE, AND THE LAST I SAW OF THE COLONEL AND LENA, HE WAS BUSY TELLING HER A LOT OF STORIES TO PROVE GHOSTS WERE ALL FAKES!

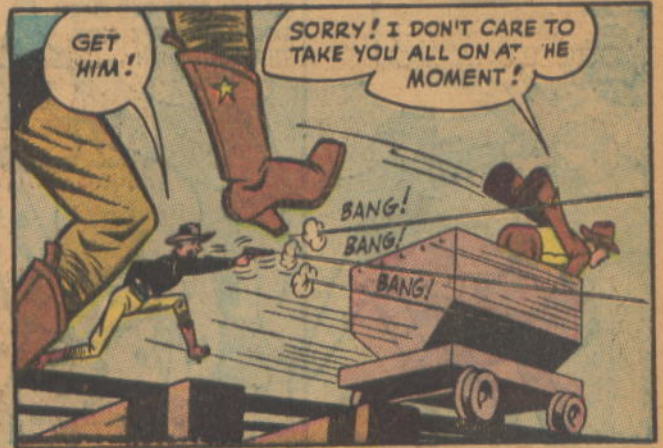
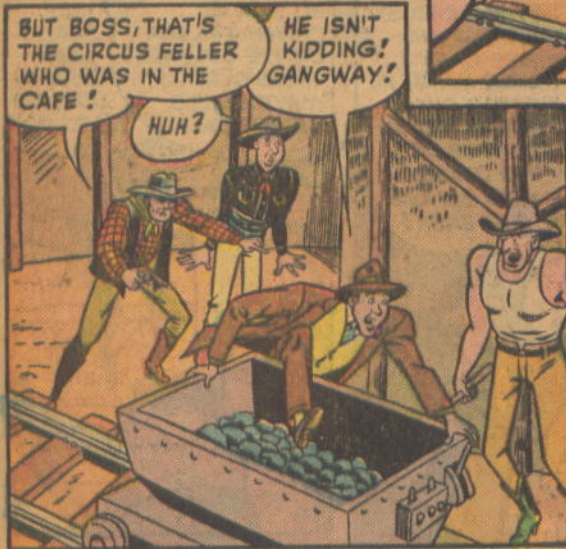
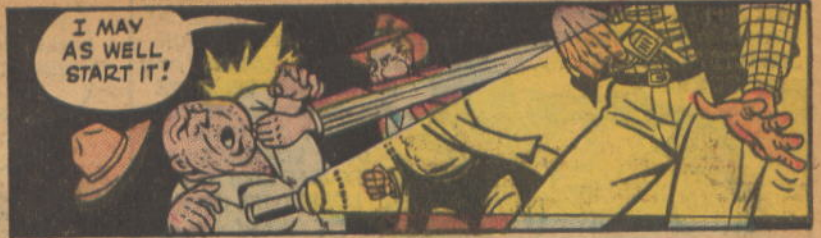
JEEPERS! IF HE WAS SUCCESSFUL HE MAY HAVE TALKED LENA INTO GOING DOWN INTO THE MINE WITH HIM TO PROVE THERE'S NO GHOST DOWN THERE! WE'D BETTER FIND THE MINE!

And as Carnie watches and listens...

UH-OH! I HOPE THEY DON'T TRAIN THAT FLASHLIGHT ON ME!



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GREEN ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS AND A BATTERY GAVE HIM THAT EERIE LOOK! HIS BOSS AND A PACK OF GORILLAS DID THE REAL DIRTY WORK!

BUT WHERE'S THE COLONEL? WE THOUGHT WE'D FIND HIM DOWN HERE, TOO!



DID I HEAR SOMEONE CALL ME? BY JOVE, I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THERE!

ASLEEP, NOTHING? YOU FAINT-ED WHEN YOU SAW THE GHOST!



YOU THOUGHT HE WAS A SPOOK!

NONSENSE! HARUMPH! ER... THERE ARE NO GHOSTS... THAT IS--ER--THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE PECULIAR!



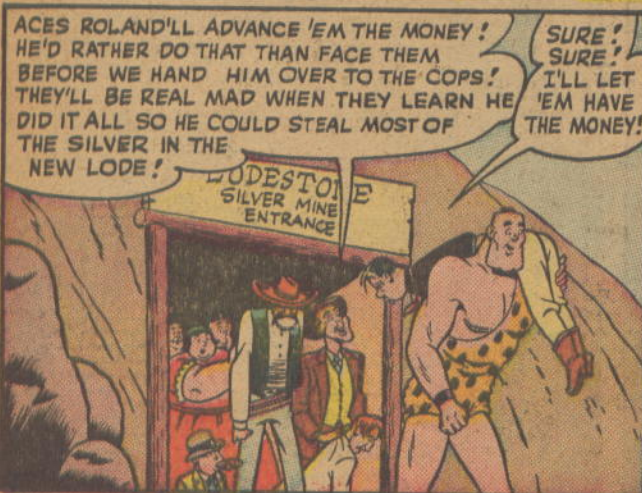
THERE HE IS! GULP! I MEAN THERE THEY ARE!

HERE'S A WELCOME INTERRUPTION FOR YOU, COLONEL! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THEY WERE CHASING ME, BOYS! ROLAND AND ONE OTHER ARE THE KILLERS! DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY! SIT ON JEFF, LENA!



SPLendid, CARNIE! SPLendid! WE'VE SPIKED THE GHOST LEGEND AND YOU'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB ON THE MURDERERS! AS SOON AS WE INFORM THE CITIZENS, THE CIRCUS'LL BOOM!

WHO'S GOING TO BUY THEIR TICKETS, COLONEL? THEY HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING!



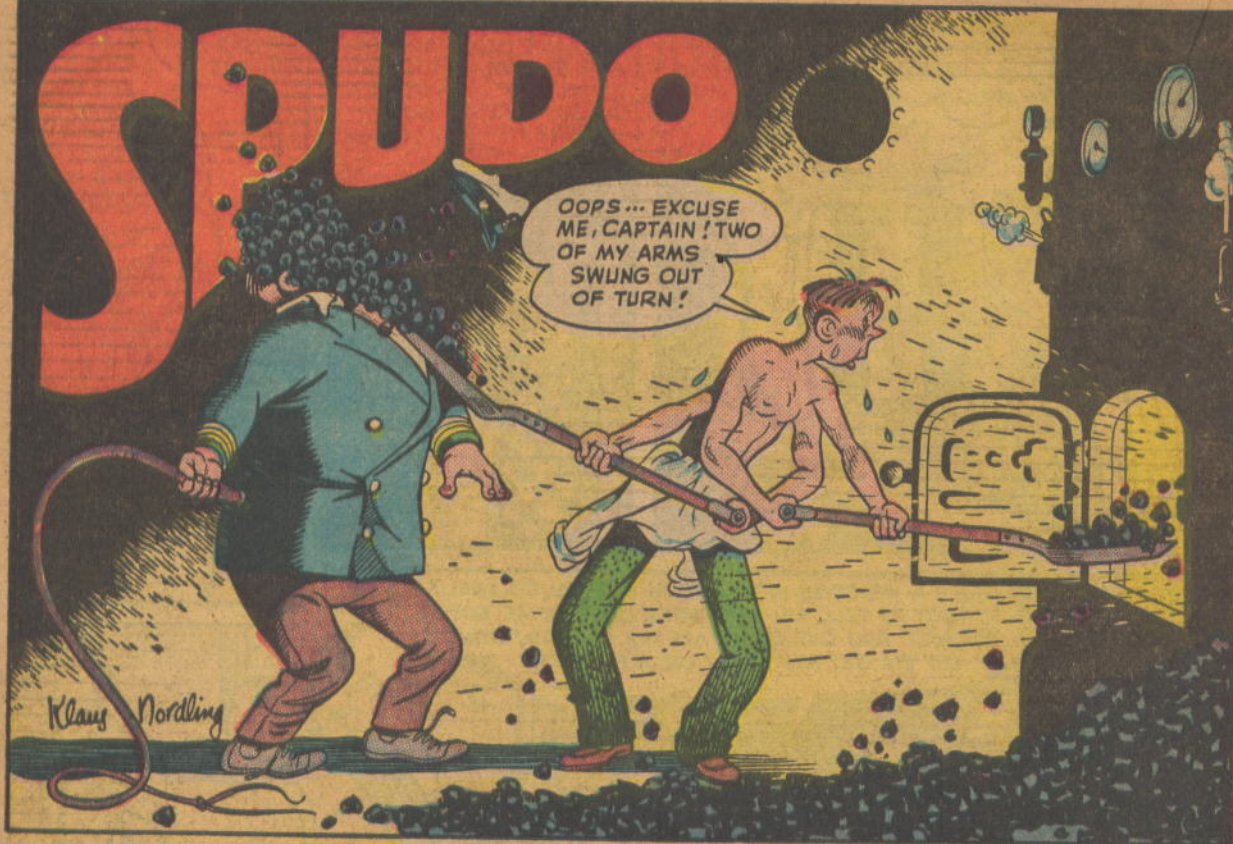
ACES ROLAND'LL ADVANCE 'EM THE MONEY! HE'D RATHER DO THAT THAN FACE THEM BEFORE WE HAND HIM OVER TO THE COPS! THEY'LL BE REAL MAD WHEN THEY LEARN HE DID IT ALL SO HE COULD STEAL MOST OF THE SILVER IN THE NEW LODE!

SURE! SURE! I'LL LET 'EM HAVE THE MONEY!



OW-WW! I HAD TO MIX ROMANCE WITH BUSINESS! OW-WW! WOTTA CIRCUS THIS TURNED OUT TO BE!

SPUDO



HEH! HEH! WE SURE FOOLED THOSE COAST-GUARD SWABS! WE PUT RIGHT INTO THIS PORT AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN SEE US!

YOU'RE REAL SMART, CAPTAIN BILLOW, BUT IT'S PLENTY RISKY STAYING IN THIS HARBOR FOR EVEN A FEW HOURS!

HAH! AN OLD SMUGGLER LIKE ME IS USED TO TAKING CHANCES! BESIDES, WE SIMPLY GOTTA PICK UP MORE SEAMEN!

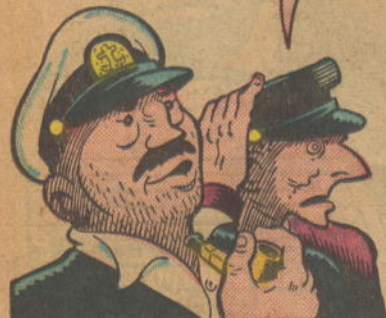
AYE! IT'S TOO BAD TEN MEN HAD TO GET SO SICK ABOARD THAT THEY'RE NEAR DYIN'!



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WHAT? YE CALL THOSE LUBBERS MEN? IMAGINE THEM FOLDIN' UP ON ME LIKE THAT AFTER ME GIVIN' 'EM A MEAL EVERY TWO DAYS AND ONLY BEATIN' 'EM ABOUT ONCE A DAY!

SOFT... THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE!

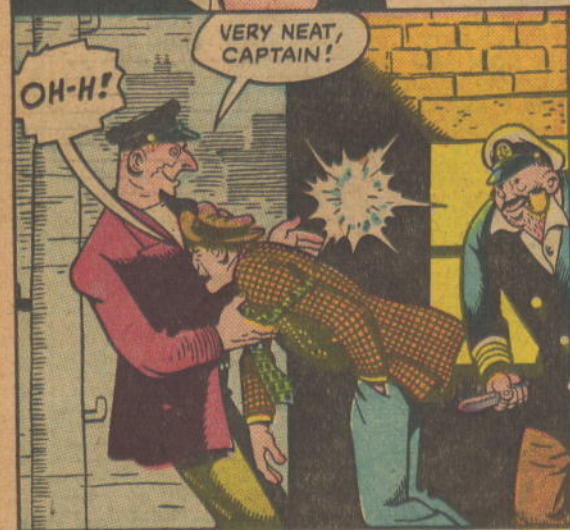


THERE'S A LIKELY LOOKING FELLER! LET'S GET HIM!

AYE, SIR!

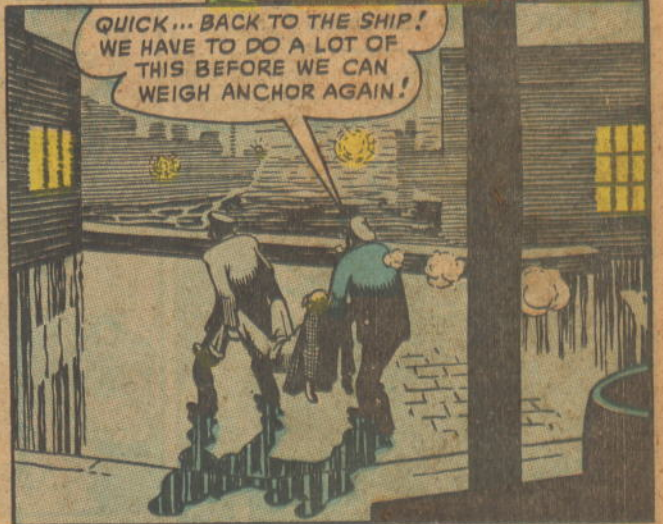
GOT A MATCH, MATEY?

I THINK SO!

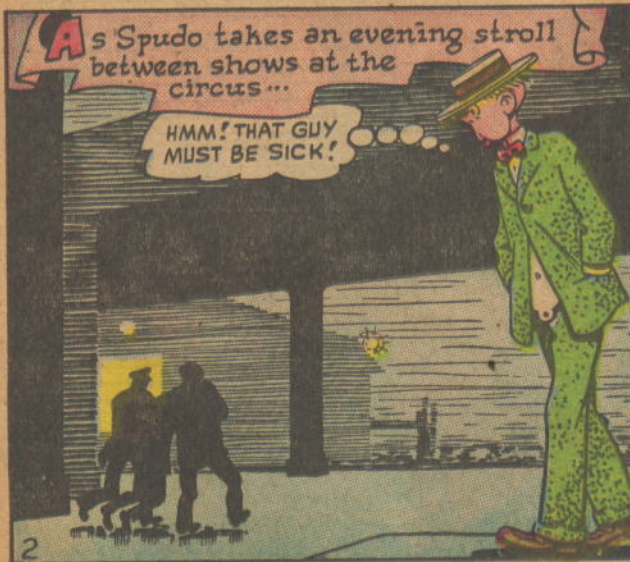


OH-H!

VERY NEAT, CAPTAIN!



QUICK... BACK TO THE SHIP! WE HAVE TO DO A LOT OF THIS BEFORE WE CAN WEIGH ANCHOR AGAIN!



As Spudo takes an evening stroll between shows at the circus...

HMM! THAT GUY MUST BE SICK!

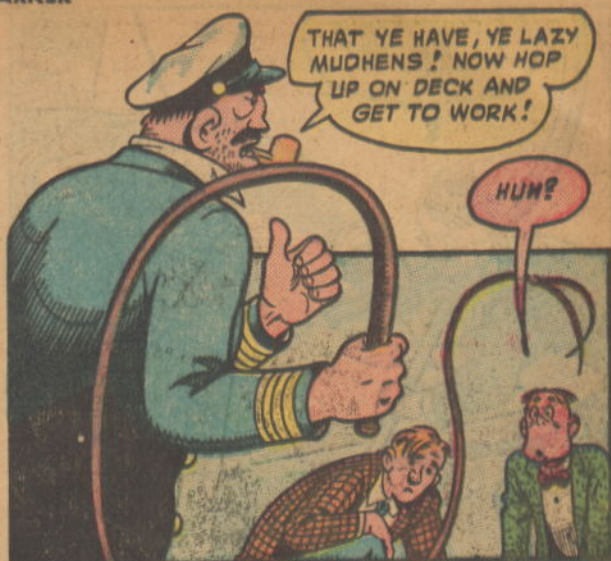
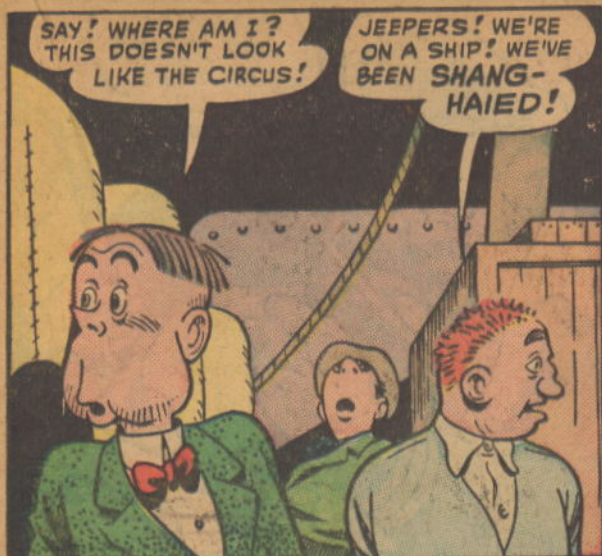


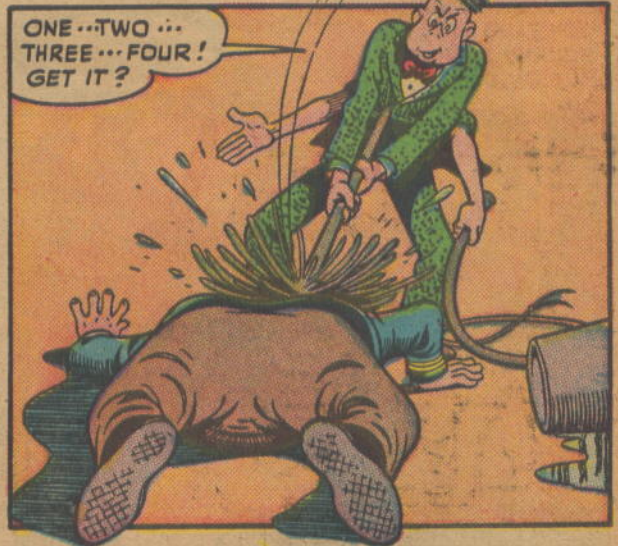
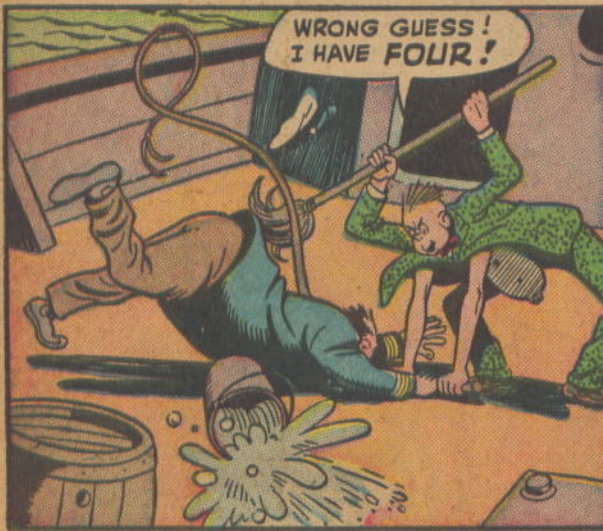
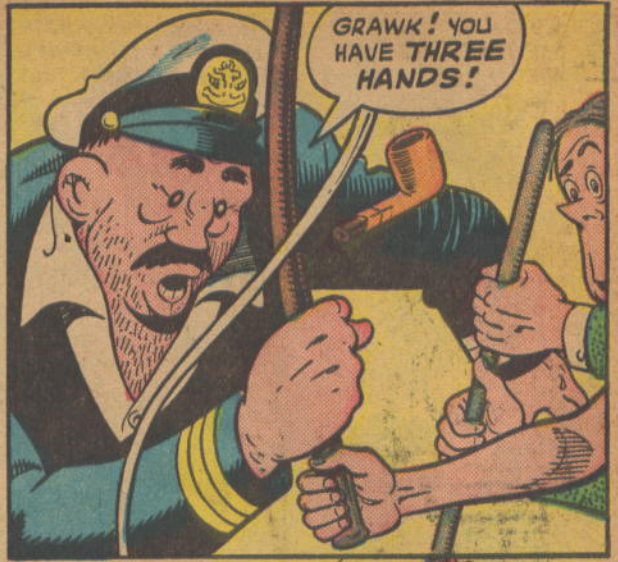
NEED ANY HELP WITH HIM, CHUMS?

ER... WHY... YES, WE DO!

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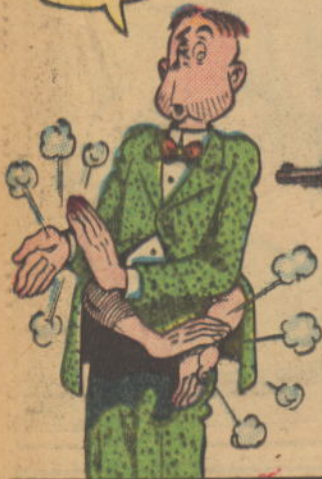






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OH, WELL... IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...



THE DOG! THE WORM! TWO PAIRS OF HANDS AND HE DOESN'T TELL ME ABOUT THEM! WHY, HE'S ONLY BEEN DOING THE WORK OF ONE MAN!

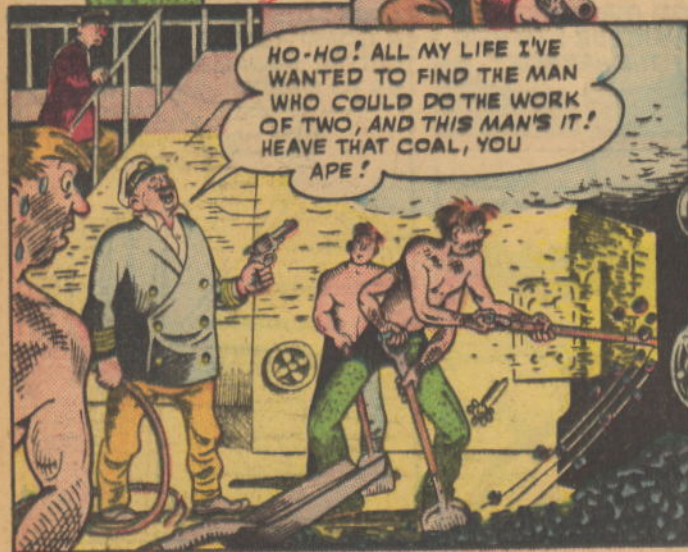


AYE, AND ALL THE TIME HE'S BEEN ABLE TO DO THE WORK OF TWO! YOU'RE SO RIGHT, CAPTAIN!

TO THE ENGINE ROOM WITH HIM! THE COAL PILE'S THE BEST PLACE TO USE THOSE FOUR ARMS!



MOVE!



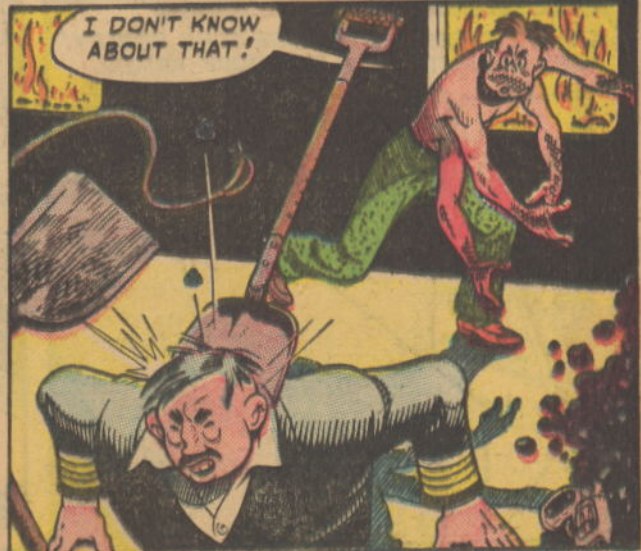
HO-HO! ALL MY LIFE I'VE WANTED TO FIND THE MAN WHO COULD DO THE WORK OF TWO, AND THIS MAN'S IT! HEAVE THAT COAL, YOU APE!

In a little while...

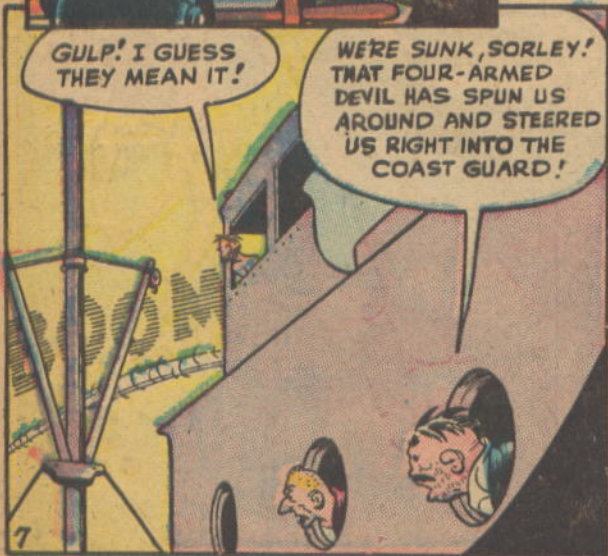
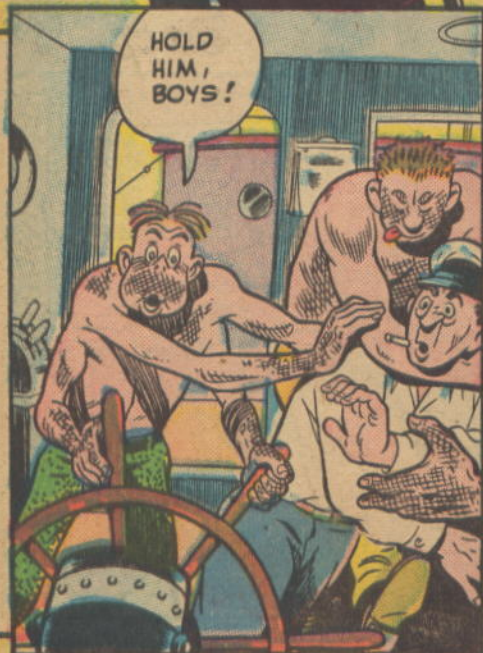
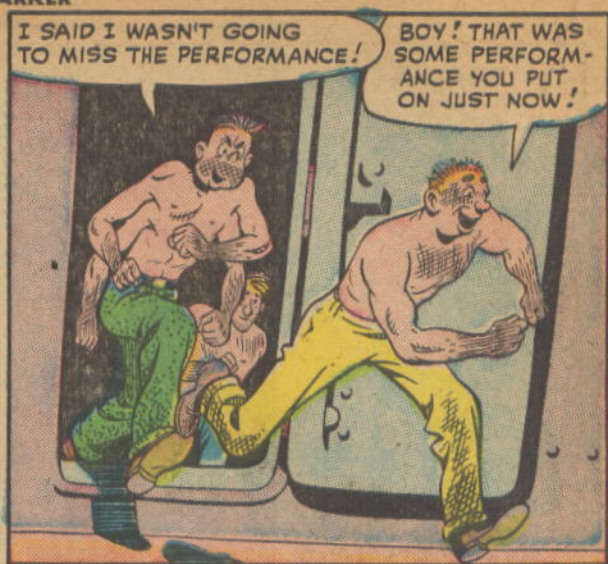
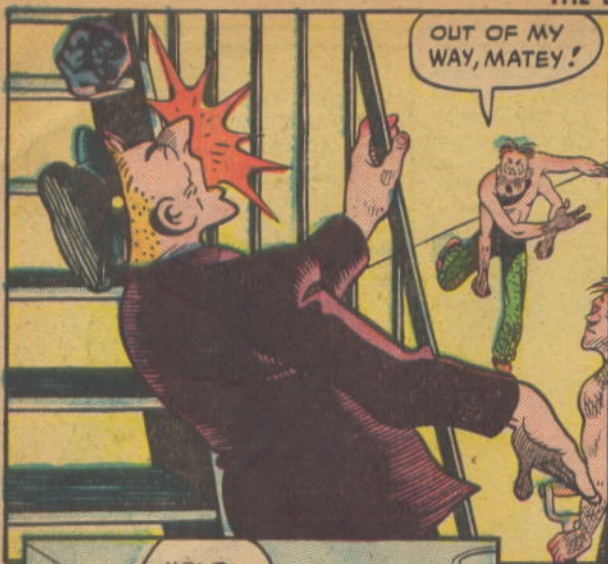
CAPTAIN, THE CHIEF ENGINEER SAYS WE'VE GOT SO MUCH STEAM UP WE'RE GOING FASTER THAN THE SHIP CAN STAND!



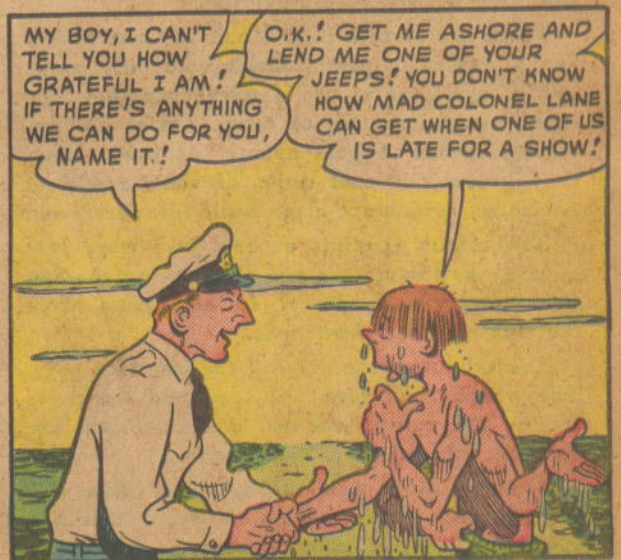
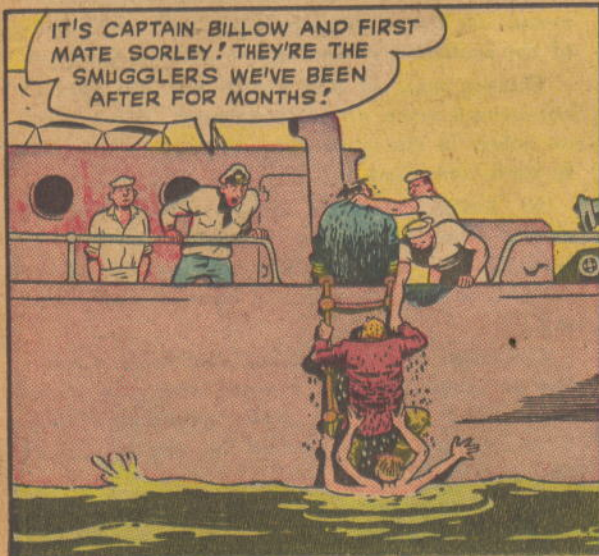
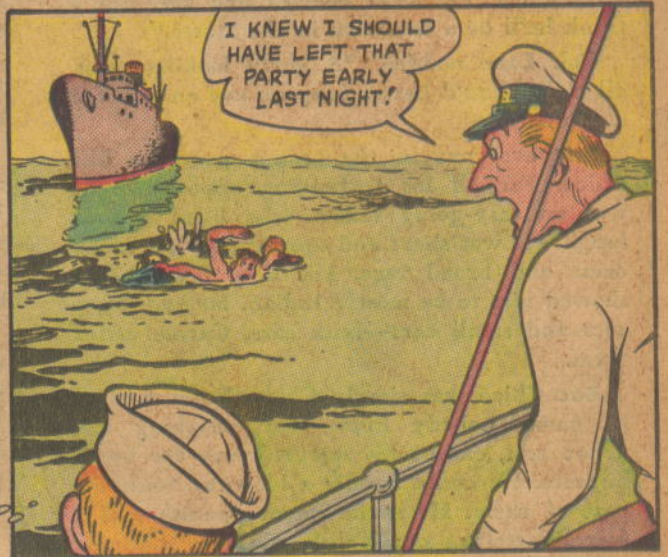
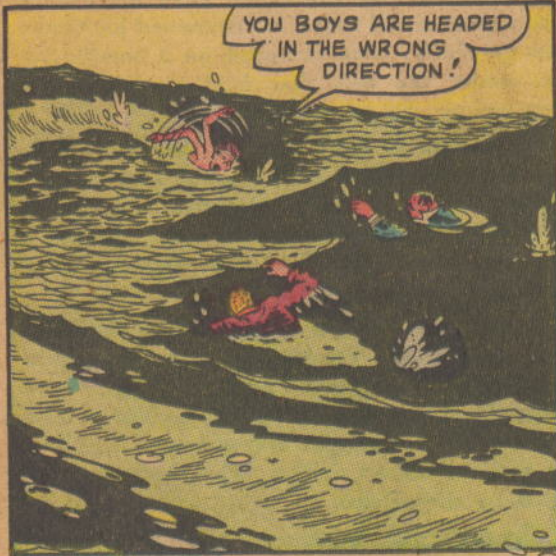
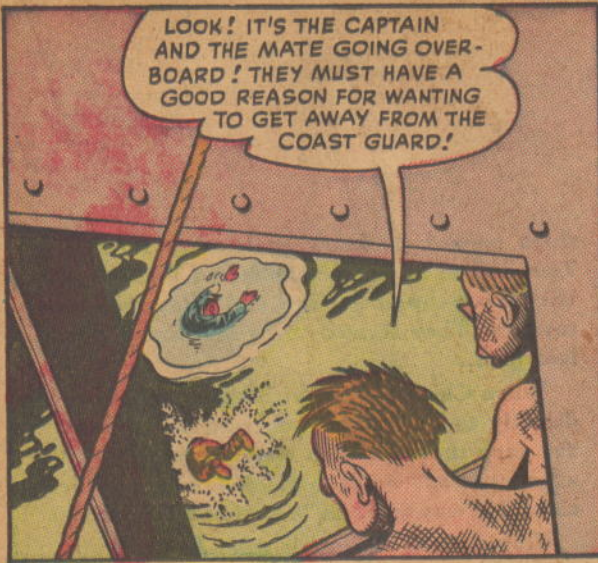
BELAY THAT! NO SHIP OF CAPTAIN BILLOW'S CAN GO TOO FAST, AND MY FOUR-ARMED PRIZE HERE IS GOING TO MAKE HER GO MUCH FASTER BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH HIM!



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT!



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Darts FOR MURDER

HE was known only as Chico. He had joined up with the circus soon after it arrived in San Jose. It was the first time Colonel Lane's Mammoth Circus had played a Central American circuit.

The barker, Carnie Calahan, had signed Chico on. Chico was a blowgun expert, who had learned the art from the Brazilian headhunters.

"In fact," said Carnie to Col. Lane, "the fellow may well be a headhunter himself, for all I know. He looks enough like one. But I think he'll be a sensation in the States."

Col. Lane nodded. "A surly looking chap, all right. You'd better keep an eye on him for a while."

But everyone in the troupe grew to like Chico. For all his forbidding appearance he was an easy-going fellow who liked a good laugh. He was short and squatty, with a broad chest and broad face. His deep brown skin showed him to be mostly Indian. He had sharp eyes and small ears—lynx ears, Carnie called them.

But Chico was simply Chico. From whence he came, nobody knew—nor anything else about him, except his sojourn with the headhunters. He could handle a blowgun with the best of them. He spoke fluent Spanish and a fair smattering of English. He was a jungle boy with a gloss of civilization.

There are certain individuals in Central and South American communities who only make public appearances on festival occasions, or when a circus comes to town. Latins are notorious lovers of gala events. At other times they prefer the cool quiet of their rambling haciendas, which are often built like fortresses.

The circus grounds of San Jose were just outside the town, on a hill overlooking the San Jose-Puntarenas railway. In all Costa Rova there is no finer show spot.

Roustabouts were driving the last tent pegs. The wagons had been unloaded and the cages set up. The troupe was in readiness for the big opening, scheduled for that evening.

As these things were taking place, Chico was in deep conversation with a couple of dark figures some distance from the show grounds. The

three seemed to know each other intimately. They talked in jerky Spanish and Indian patois, with much thumb-jabbing and many facial contortions. They seemed to be rehearsing a well-laid plan.

When Chico parted with these men, he went directly to his dressing tent and began donning the garb that had been assigned to him. It was a get-up that made him look wild and ferocious. He was billed as "Chico the Headhunter."

Chico looked at himself when he had finished, and grinned. The expression gave his brown face a demoniacal twist. He examined his blowgun carefully, then strapped on a small, flat box under the belt that held his knife and dart quiver. He was ready.

For almost an hour prior to the show opening, the crowds had milled about the grounds looking at the various sideshows and trying their skill on the many games. Shali, the snake charmer, had had a field day, because Costa Rova is a land of few reptiles.

As the crowd began to assemble in the main tent, Spudo, the four-armed man, put on a juggling act that made every eye bulge. Then Tiny, the strong man, tossed Major Midge high into the air and caught him expertly. The Major was the show's midget, who also sometimes acted as ringmaster.

The high-wire act offered by Colonel Lane's Mammoth Circus was always an outstanding event. It was a breath-taker and, regardless of the audience, it was tops in getting applause.

During most of this varied act, the eyes of the crowd were directed upward. What went on below in the three rings drew comparatively little attention.

In Latin countries, shows often provide choice front boxes for dignitaries. Here, national flags and colorful serapes are often draped; sometimes, political banners and bunting.

Col. Lane had thoughtfully set aside a number of seats and this evening the gala boxes were filled with San Jose's prominent folk. They, too, were fascinated by the stunts of the wire artists.

At the close of the act, when a man leaped 90 feet into a tiny tub of water, there was a

muted outcry from the front boxes. Then someone yelled, "Muerta!"

"Who's dead?" asked Carnie Calahan of a lion cage guard. "What's the matter with the people over there at the big-shots' boxes?"

The two hurried to where a crowd of Latins had gathered. Several of them were bending over a man who lay prone on the floor of his box. Carnie elbowed through the pack. He saw a small drop of blood on the man's white shirt front. It welled slowly from a tiny chest wound, similar to, but smaller than the kind Carnie had seen inflicted by a stiletto.

A doctor in the audience bent over the man. After a careful examination he looked up.

"Something—I know not what—penetrated Senor Gomez' heart," he said. "It is most strange. It is not a wound made by bullet or knife. There is nothing but a few drops of water on the surface of the skin."

An ambulance carried Senor Gomez out of the show grounds. Senor Gomez was a top political figure, who was priming himself for the governor's chair. He had a large following. There was much grumbling as the body rolled away.

"What're we gonna do?" Carnie asked Col. Lane. "That lad was murdered—but how, I can't finger. Part of the crowd is pretty mad."

"Keep the show going," Col. Lane advised. "It's the only thing to do; it'll take their minds off the tragedy."

While the Gomez faction departed in funereal silence, the rest of the crowd remained seated. The show went on. Major Midge making the announcements from the center ring in his thin, childish voice. Then Lena, the fat lady, wrung a few laughs from the remaining dignitaries with some ribald jokes in poor Spanish.

Finally, Chico got his cue, came out, and was greeted by a burst of applause. It came mostly from the poorer class of spectators, seated high on the benches. Chico bowed and grinned fiendishly.

His act was good, and fast. He shot darts with the rapidity of someone who had done so all his life. He never missed his targets.

Just before the completion of Chico's act, there was a violent explosion from a side ring, and a burst of green fire made everybody's face look ghastly. There was no harm done, but naturally everyone threw a glance toward the unexpected interruption. In the center ring, Chico was momentarily unobserved.

Suddenly a high-pitched scream echoed

through the big tent. A squad of city police, summoned after the killing of Gomez, dashed toward the private boxes.

"My gosh, another one!" cried Carnie Calahan. He ran for the boxes, hoping he was wrong. But he wasn't. Another prominent figure in Cost Rova politics lay dead, a tiny drop of blood staining his shirt front just above his heart.

When the doctor arrived, he made the same observation. But this time several detectives also made an examination. They were baffled. There was simply no clue to the murder—unless a few drops of water on the flesh meant something.

"Probably only perspiration," said one of the officers. "But how does a dead man perspire?"

"He doesn't," said another.

The circus was definitely stopped now. Two tragedies in an hour was too much. Col. Lane tore his hair; he would be ruined in Costa Rova. Carnie Calahan tried to console him while the investigation went forward.

"Same thing killed him, whatever it is," said one of the detectives. "This gets more weird by the moment."

Carnie Calahan had been watching beyond the knot of men and detectives. He caught a furtive movement at one side of the gorilla cage. It was Chico. He held his blowgun in one hand. With the other he was fumbling under his belt.

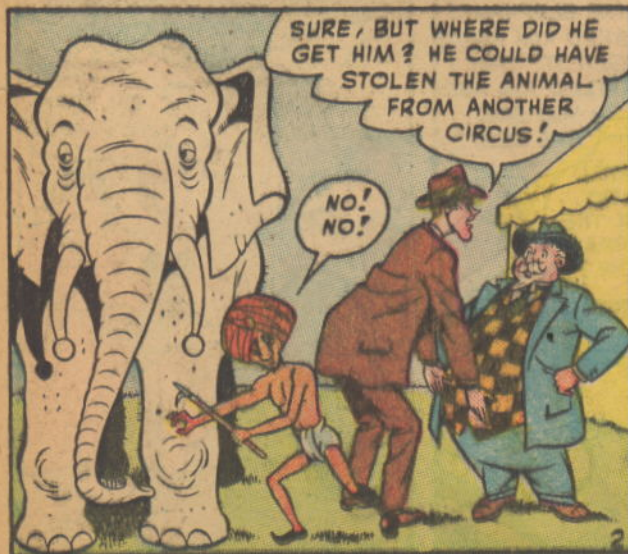
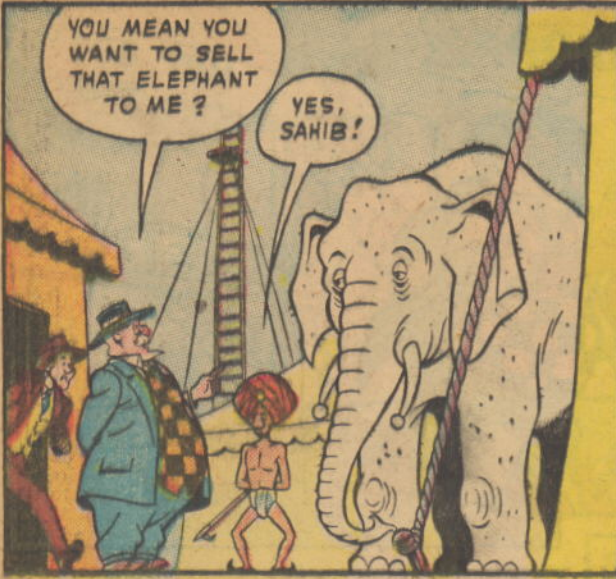
"Stop!" yelled Carnie. The detectives whirled, drawing for holstered pistols. Chico made a leap forward. A shot brought him to one knee. He clutched the blowgun frantically. By now the officers were swarming upon him. Carnie jerked the flat box from under Chico's belt and tore it open. It contained a half dozen tiny icicles, kept frozen by dry ice.

"There are your darts, boys," said Carnie. "Chico is our boy. He's been using icicles for darts. Makes a neat weapon; leaves no clue except the few drops of water you observed on the murdered men. I think if you pin Chico down you'll find he's been hired by some political faction to do away with the opposition."

Senor Romero, San Jose's chief of police, shook hands with Col. Lane and Carnie. "This is a sad affair, senors," he said. "But don't let it alarm you. We have our man. It is not of your fault. Please keep your show going. It is best for the city's morale."

"A man after my own heart," said Col. Lane. "He believes the show must go on, regardless of any tragedy."

WHAT DOES HE MEAN, INSIDE... HE'S OUTSIDE AND ALMOST ALL OVER US!



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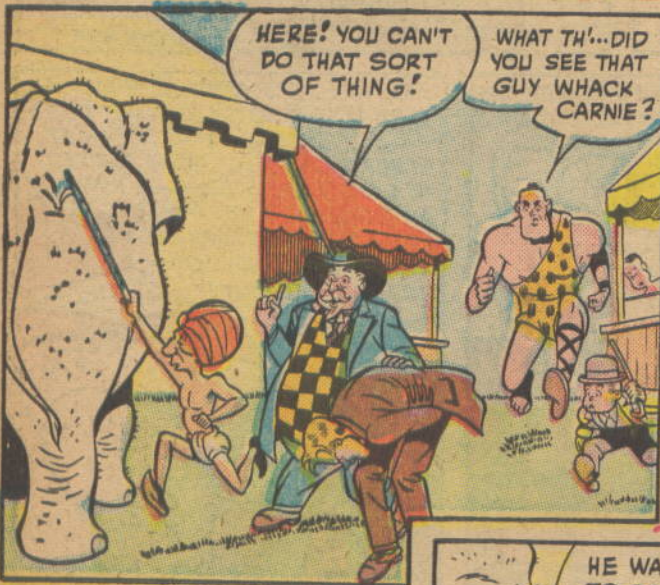
HOT DOGS

WHAP!



HERE! YOU CAN'T DO THAT SORT OF THING!

WHAT TH'...DID YOU SEE THAT GUY WHACK CARNIE?



YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO A PAL OF MINE!

MISSIED!

YAWP!



LET'S GET HIM!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, CARNIE?



HE WAS TRYING TO SELL THE COLONEL THIS WHITE ELEPHANT! I ASKED HIM WHERE HE GOT IT! THAT RATTLED HIM AND YOU SAW THE REST!

WHAT'LL YOU DO WITH THE ELEPHANT NOW?

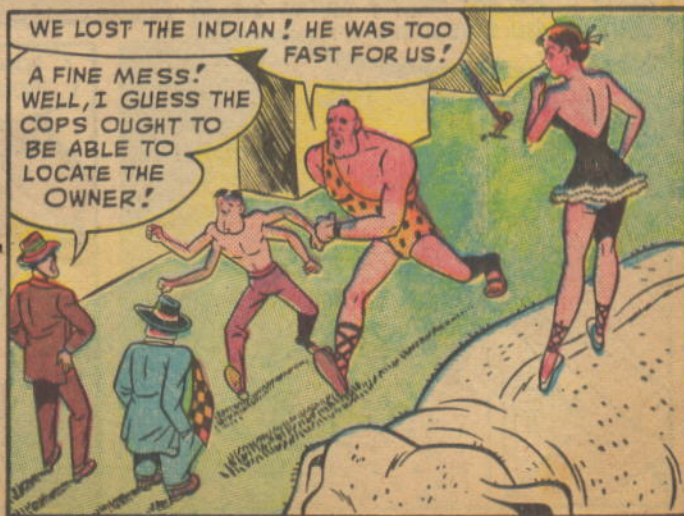
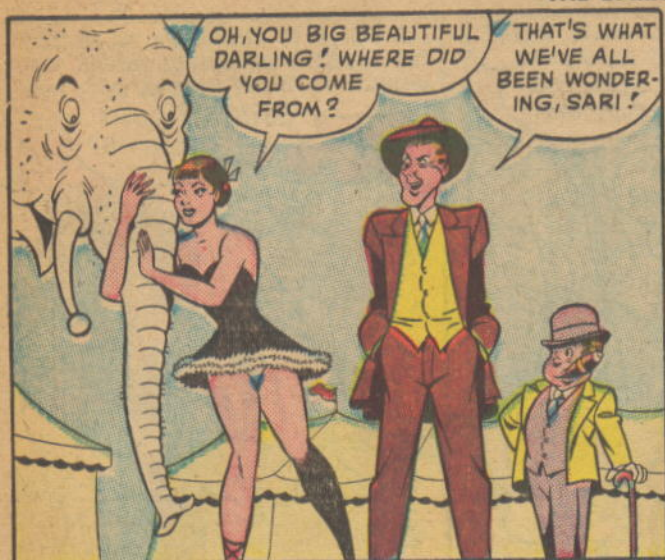


WE'LL...ER...TRY TO FIND HIS OWNER, NATURALLY!

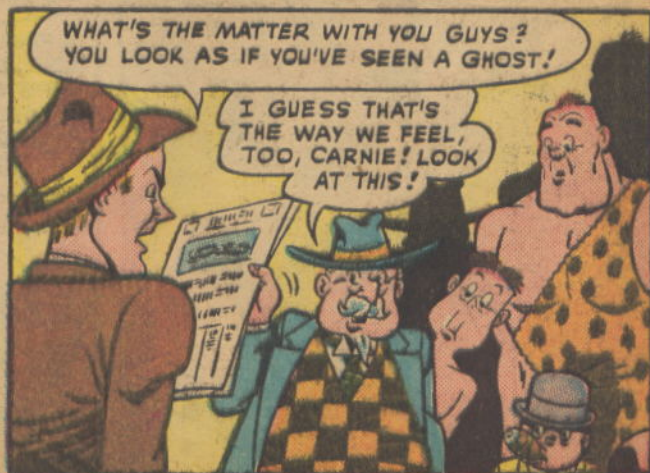
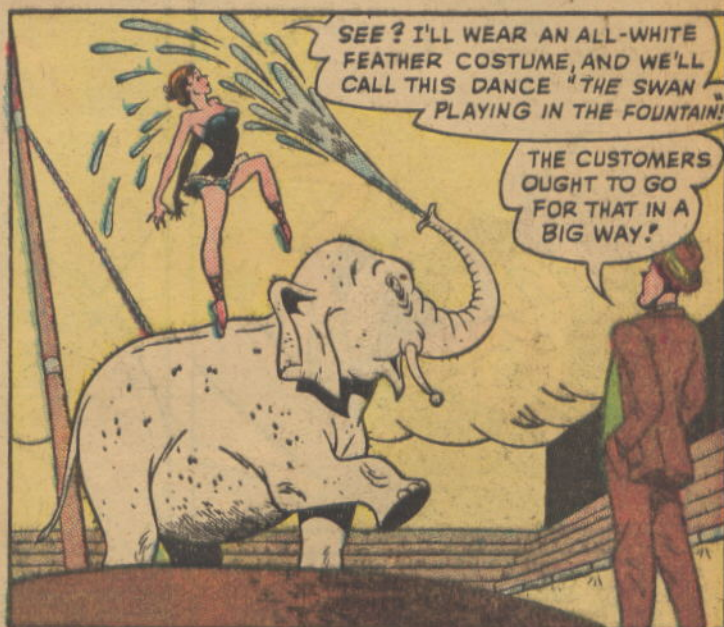
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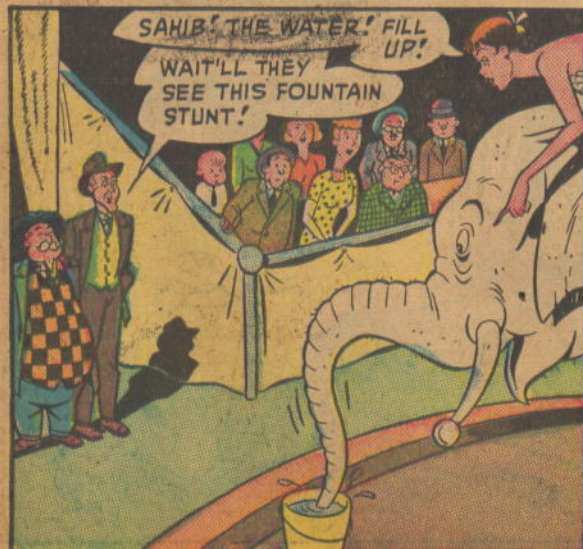
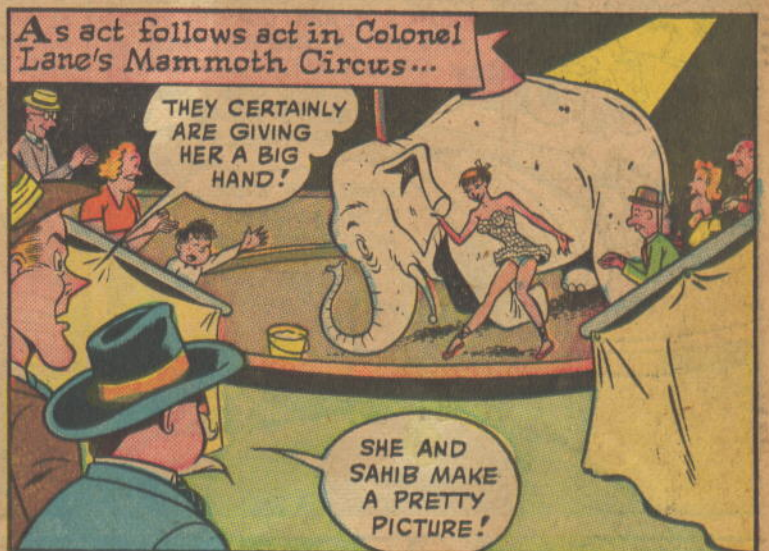
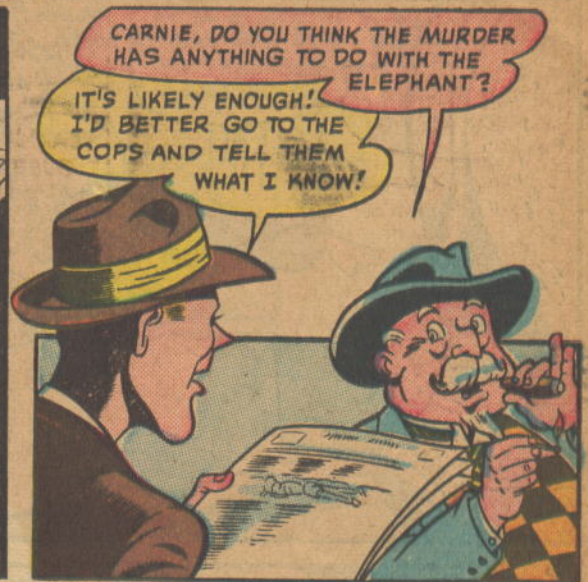


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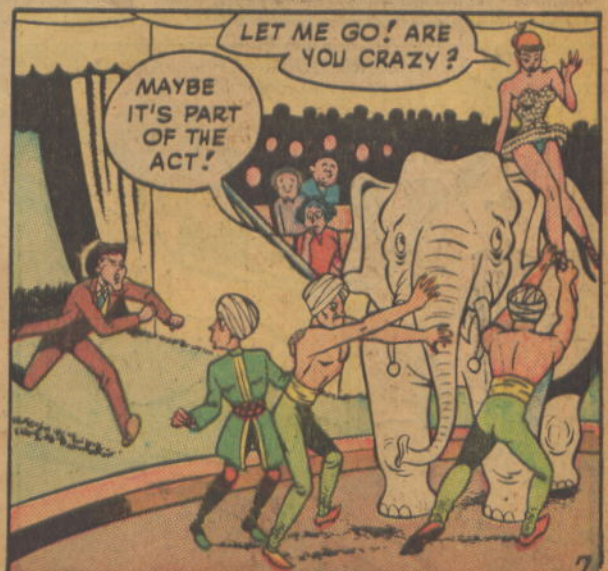
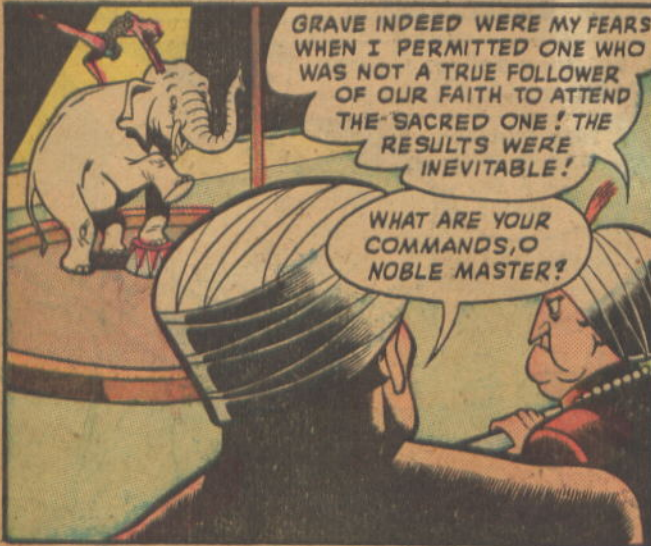


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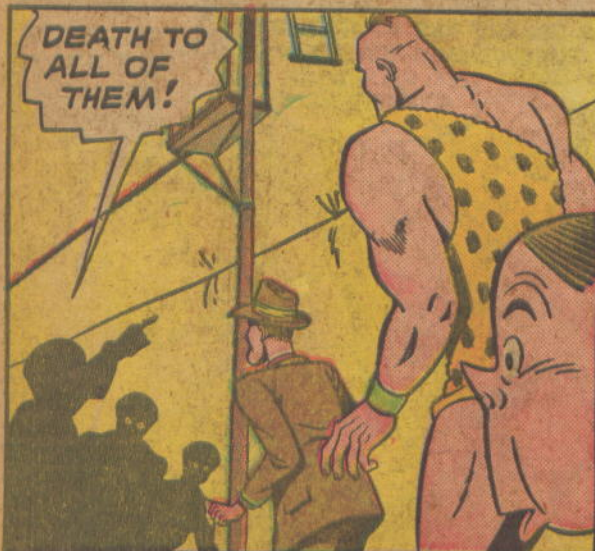
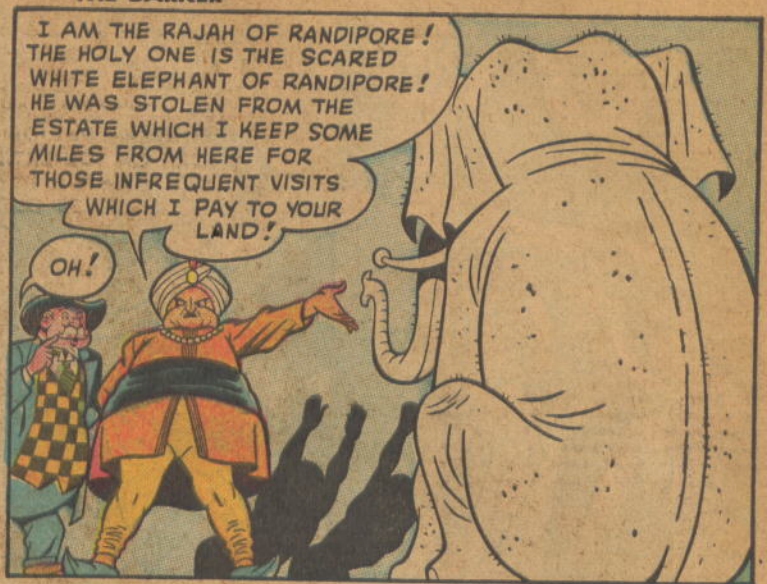
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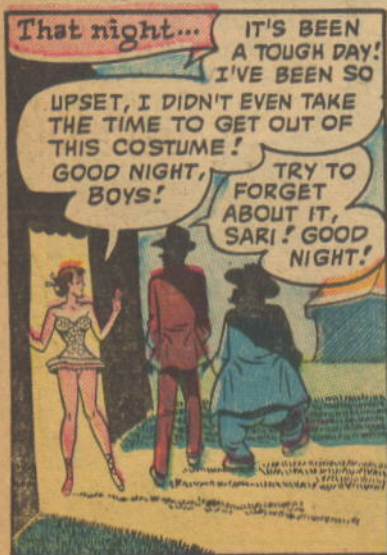
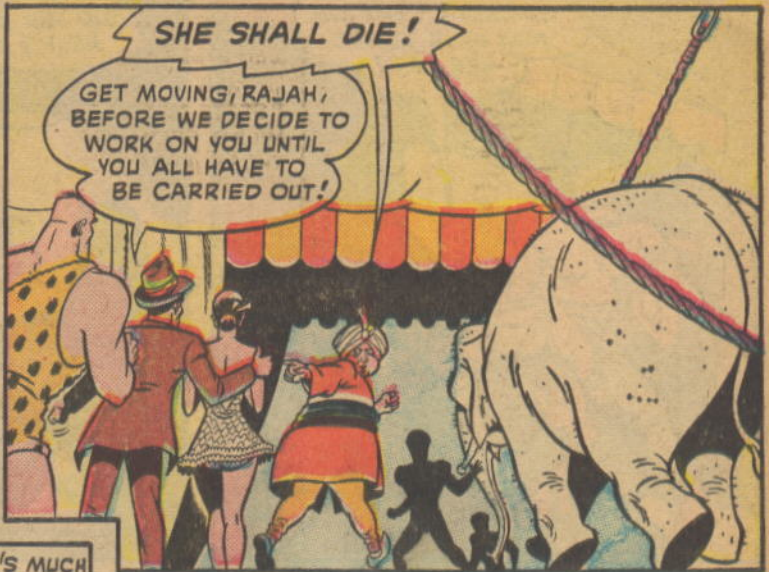


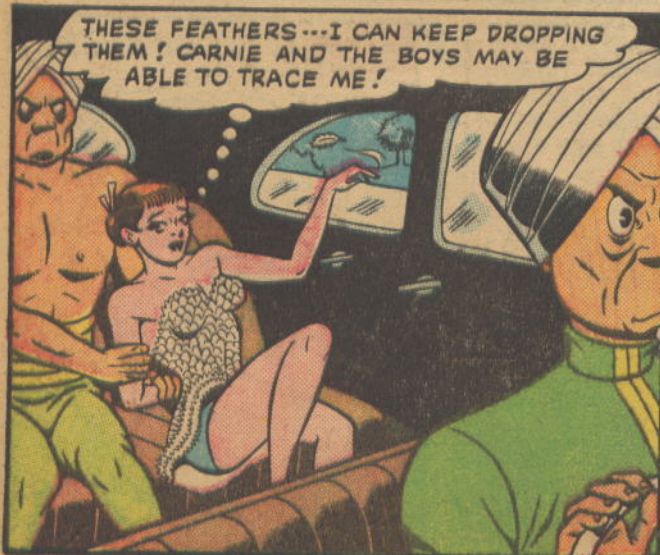
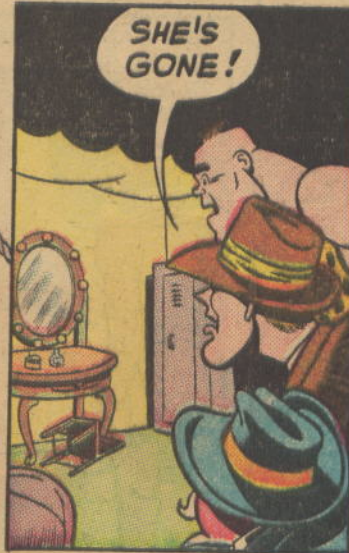
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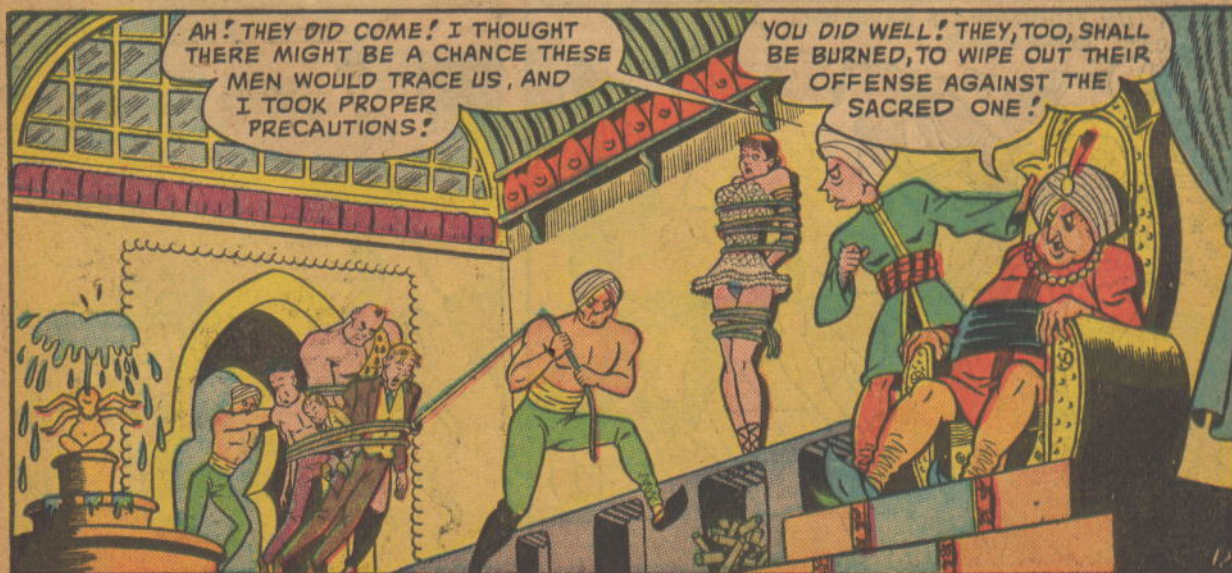
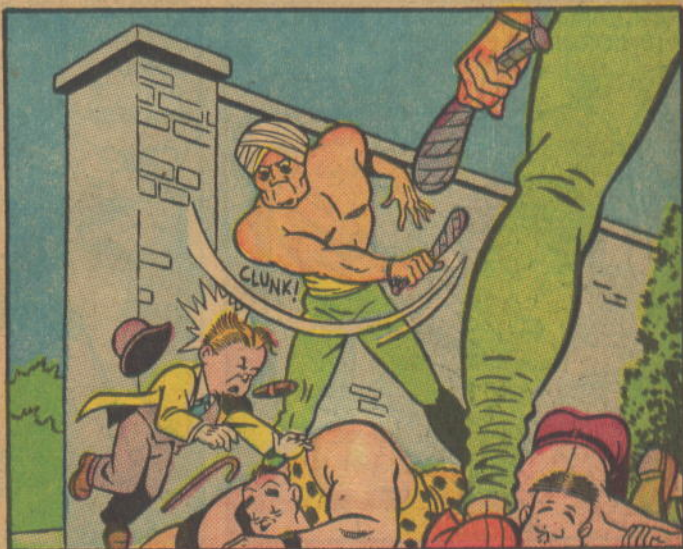
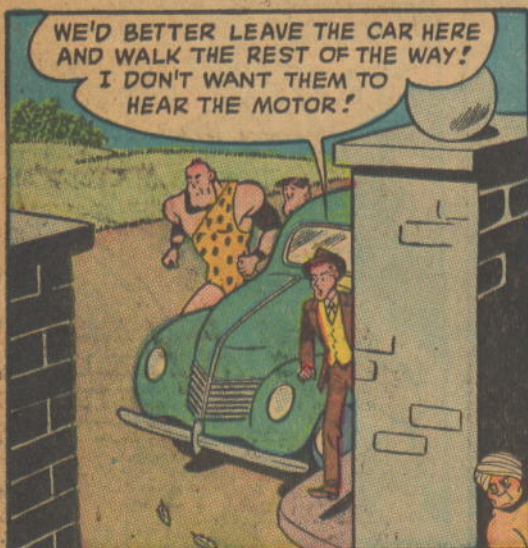
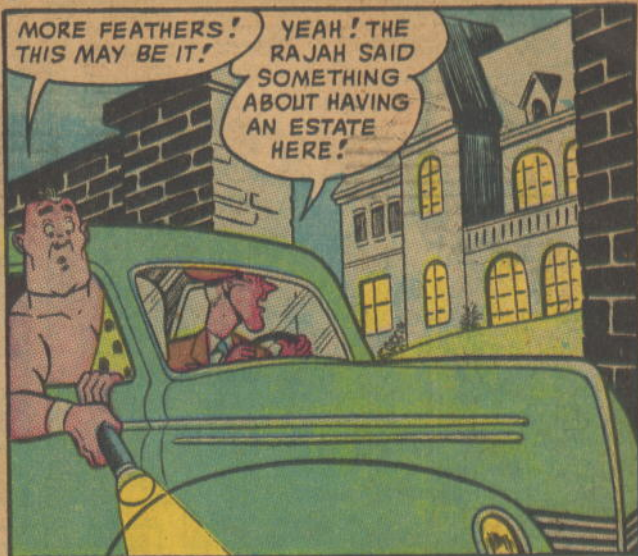
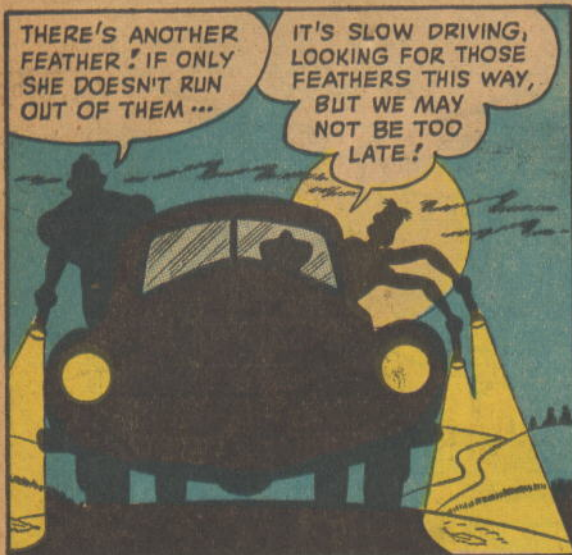
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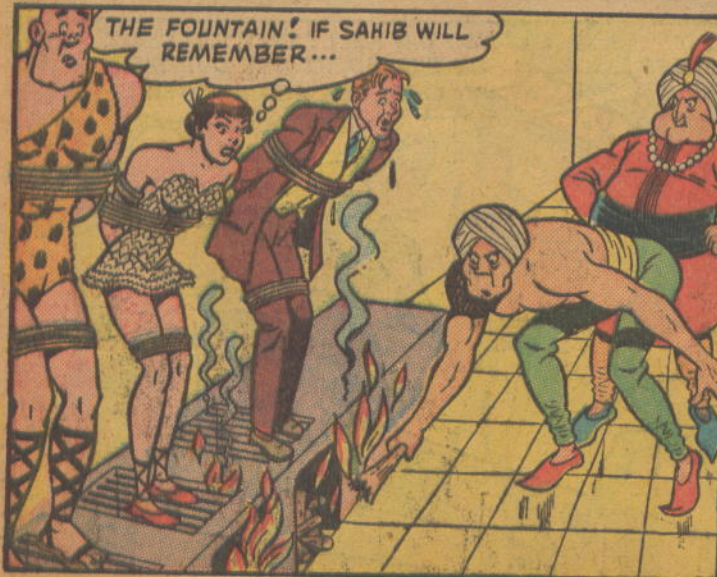
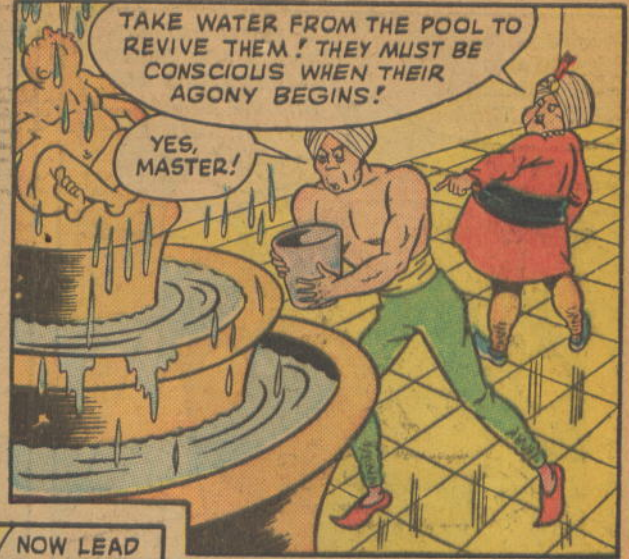
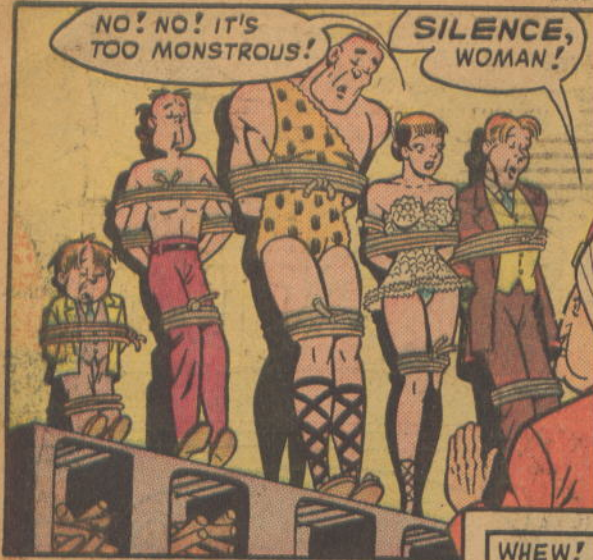


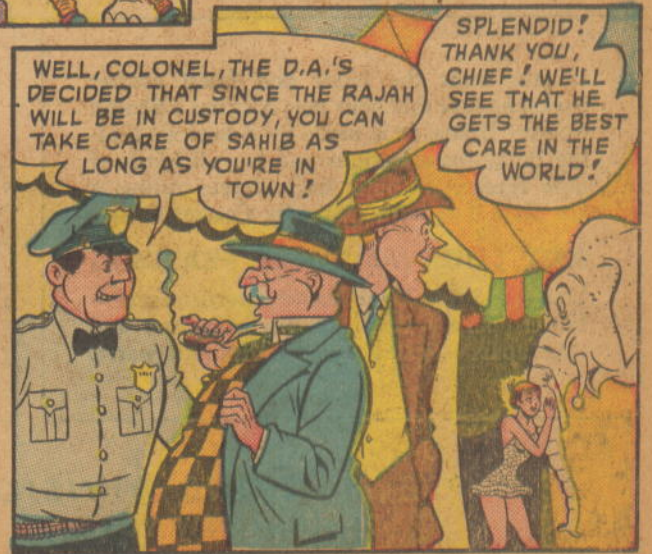
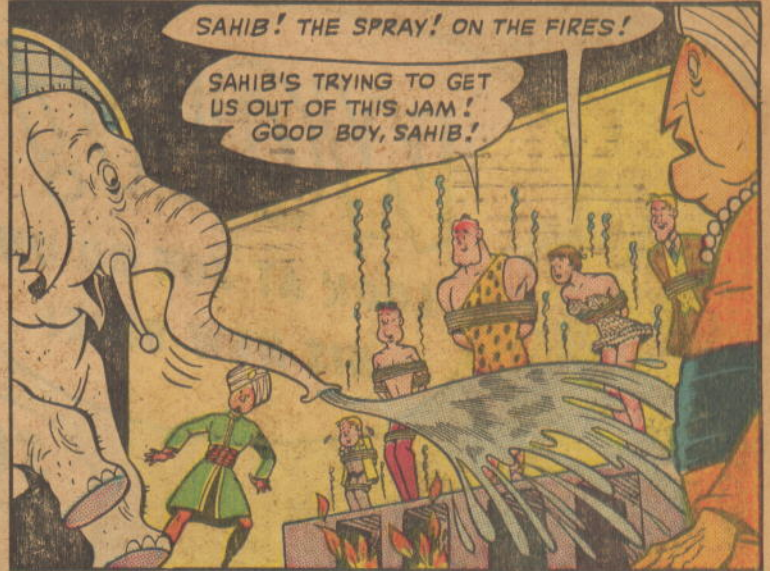




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FELLAS, YOU TWO BIKE DOWN AND TELL THE POSSE TO HEAD FOR THE GORGE... I'LL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE THERE WAITING FOR THEM!



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